



# purrfect mews

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## CAT TALES

IN SOME PARTS OF THE OLD WORLD, THE CAT WAS PLACED IN AN EMPTY AND WAITING CRADLE OF A NEWLYWED COUPLE IN THE BELIEF THAT SHE WOULD QUICKLY GRANT THEIR WISH FOR A CHILD. IT IS SAID SOME STILL FOLLOW THIS

### TRADITION

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## Celebrating Sarah Delfrate

At age 11, Sarah remains our youngest volunteer. Sarah started at Purrfect Paws when she was 7 and has been working with us since during summers and school breaks.



Loving Astra

Sarah travels to be among the felines and her favorite activity is loving and playing with all of them. Sarah is involved in all aspects of the direct care of the felines. She does everything from

feeding to cleaning living spaces, and is a pro at giving daily drops. When Sarah comes to volunteer, she stays for several days to a few weeks. During these times, she rotates among the felines, sleeping in various rooms to ensure each feline gets attention and love throughout the nights.

Sarah first learned of Purrfect Paws when her mom was trying to find homes for three kittens. It was after this that Sarah developed her interest in being a part of this feline sanctuary. She has already cultivated the invaluable volunteer traits of responsibility, dependability, multi-tasking and is very compassionate.

Sampson, a male tabby, adores Sarah. He is very friendly and loving. While enjoying the outdoors, Sampson will often find Sarah

when she is taking a break and going for a walk. He looks forward to these walks together and one time got so excited as they were walking he fell into the pond.

Sarah's future visions include assuming management of the Purrfect Paws organization. Her skills are already highly developed in the direct care of the felines. Acquiring business skills will be Sarah's intention in achieving her dream.



Adoring Lemmee

### Thank You Sarah.

Much love and gratitude from all furry and non-furry residents at Purrfect Paws.

## Chaucer Goes "Home"

Look at me! I'm absolutely irresistible. After their second visit Shannon & Mark knew I belonged to them. I had to wait before I could live with them permanently. I lived with Shannon & Mark's



Chaucer

friends for a few months.

I am now living with my forever caretakers, Shannon and Mark. They adore me! I love humans and keep all their company entertained.

Experiences I enjoy include exploring the outdoors, bounding through the spaciousness of our



Shannon, Chaucer & Mark

home and waking up Shannon and Mark. They don't seem to be in my mind. They love everything about me. I'm so deliriously happy and in love with our "purrfect" life!

## Special Attention for Special Adoptable Pets



Special adoptable because they have physical abnormalities, health or behavior issues, are over a certain age or, in the case of dark colored animals, don't stand out from the crowd, these animals deserve their day. Join [Petfinder](#) and [Purrfect Paws, Inc.](#) in celebrating the first annual Adopt-A-Less-Adoptable-Pet Day.



trucker heard his weak cries and dug until he found Olive who was near death. Olive had been physically and emotionally abused and thrown in the dumpster in 100 degree weather. His left rear leg required amputation. Despite his leg amputation Olive is our fastest runner. Three years later after much rehabilitation Olive is a devoted and loving feline. He still requires special care as he experiences periodic post traumatic stress symptoms.

**Special Attention for Olive**  
Olive was found in a paper bag in the bottom of a dumpster along I-70. A

### Special Attention for Sophea

When just a kitten, Sophea was attacked by a Tom cat. She sustained physical damage and as a result her eye had to be removed. She asks that no one pity her as she can see things others cannot. She has a beautiful gentle spirit and asks for a caretaker that will accept her as is and support her requests.



Schedule a time to meet Olive and Sophea!  
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In July, we said goodbye to Sweet Momma Kitty. It was time for her to transition. She was weary, struggling with cancer. She shared her beautiful spirit for seventeen wonderful years. Rainbow Bridge comforted her during her illness and in her passage.

## Featured Spirit Essence

Spirit Essences are the first and only line of essence remedies formulated by a veterinarian and an animal behaviorist. Spirit Essences provide a safe, effective, natural way to help your animal companions lead healthier and happier lives!

These formulas are designed to heal the mental and emotional imbalances, which if left untreated, manifest in the

physical body causing specific behaviors/conditions.

**"Rainbow Bridge"** is this month's featured Spirit Essence.

**"Rainbow Bridge"** remedy comforts the animal who is terminally ill or injured, helps them release the physical, and assists in their passage over the "Rainbow Bridge."

The formulas are easy to use and can be administered topically, orally, placed in the water dish, or used as a spray in the environment.

Check out all the Spirit Essences!

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## Presenting.....Zhivago

My life has certainly changed!

Before Janette began feeding me, daily life was about survival. Janette was very kind and spoke with such gentle compassion I soon knew I need not fear this human. She fed me for sometime then one day I went to her and she swept me up in her arms. She brought me to Purrfect Paws

where I now reside.

Simply noted, I'm a 2 year old neutered male looking for a committed love companionship with a gentleman, lady or family. Love is my game and Zhivago is my name to fame. I prefer to be the center of attention and who could think otherwise after looking at my picture? I have so much love

to shower on a committed caretaker. Check my schedule for an appointment to experience my charisma.

I'm current on vaccinations, have been examined by a veterinarian & tested negative for FeLV/FIV.

CALL TODAY!

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# Caricatures by BeeJay



Kansas City artist **BeeJay Hawn** has been drawing the Midwest for 13 years through venues such as Worlds of Fun, birthday parties, wedding receptions,

and afterpoms! Speed drawing at parties and events is her specialty and gift caricatures are too much fun! She has been a member of the National Caricature Network and International Society of Caricature Artists for 3 years where she has competed for awards in exaggeration, likeness, character design, party styles, and best use of both color and black and white.

She has also attended the CCN compe-

titions for 2 years having won the 2009 best theme art award and coming close in many other categories.

BeeJay has been a volunteer and fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity, SIDS society, the MS organization, Harvesters, and many other charitable/ non profit organizations in the greater Kansas City area.

Stop by the Purrfect Paws booth at the

OZtoberFEST (Oct. 3 & 4) and grab a drawing.

**All proceeds go to Purrfect Paws!**



[www.oztoberfest.com](http://www.oztoberfest.com)

## Decorating the Air

By Jean Hofve, DVM

An article in the *New York Times*, "[Accessorizing the Air](#)," explored the newest frontier in interior decorating: the air. Indeed, the number and variety of sprays, plug-ins, scented candles, and other fragrance delivery systems has exploded in the last couple of years.

While a hint of lavender may be relaxing to humans, there's no guarantee that it will have a similar effect on our pets. Some odors that humans find agreeable are actually annoying to cats; citrus and pine are both highly irritating, and even poisonous if overdone.



A cat's sense of smell is about 14 times better than a human's; a dog's is over 40 times more sensitive. Both cats and dogs (as well as many other mammals) have a special sensory organ called "Jacobson's organ" or the vomeronasal organ. This consists of a pair of pits in the roof of the animal's mouth that connect to the nasal passages.

By drawing air into its mouth, the animal passes a scent over this organ in order to fully analyze it. This produces a grimace-like expression called

the "Flehmen Response."

The long and short of it is that both dogs and cats are very sensitive to odors. Air fragrances can be very irritating to an animal. To a sensitive pet, these artificial scents must be a lot like living with the stereo turned up full blast all the time. The problem is compounded when several scent products are used throughout the house, leaving nowhere for the pet to go to get away from them. While the occasional burning of a scented candle or



stick of incense won't do significant harm, Little Big Cat recommends that cat (and dog) guardians avoid products that release a constant stream of strong fragrance into the air.

For more information on pets and odors, see Russell Louie's great article on [Aromatherapy and Cats](#) in our library at [www.littlebigcat.com](http://www.littlebigcat.com).

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## Hansen Nutrition and Cats ...a "purrfect" pair

At Purrfect Paws, good nutrition is essential for felines. A great place to find supplements, nutritional products and remedies is Hansen Nutrition.

At Hansen Nutrition customers' needs (Humans and Furrries) are of the utmost importance. Sheryl, the owner, is committed to meeting customers' needs. Established in 1978 Hansen Nutrition is a family

owned and operated business, located in Manhattan, Kansas.

"We have spent the last 31 years making our goal to provide you with the highest quality products on the market. We carry products from the companies you know and trust. We have a certified nutritionist on staff and provide an easy to use (in store) reference guild for our customers." Their friendly

knowledgeable staff is waiting to serve you.

Sheryl and her staff at Hansen Nutrition have been ongoing supporters of Purrfect Paws. They participated in the Sampson Fundraiser and have eagerly agreed to the placement of Purrfect Paws material in the store.

**Purrfect Paws thanks Hansen Nutrition Center for their support.**



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# Instill the Joy of Giving

## DONATE



Join the Purrfect Paws mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and adopt.  
Your donation takes us a step closer to a "forever home".  
Thank Mew!

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Visit the Purrfect Paws booth Saturday, October 3, and  
Sunday, October 4 at the [OZtoberFEST](#) in  
Wamego, Kansas.

Featured Activity  
*Caricatures by Beejay*



Purrfect Paws, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization with the goal of feline placement with appropriate committed caretakers. The holistic sanctuary provided by Purrfect Paws for unwanted, abandoned, and abused felines is a cage free environment and has been approved by the State of Kansas as an official animal shelter. Felines are assessed prior to and upon entry for emotional, physical, and nutritional needs. They are examined by a veterinarian, tested for Feli/FIV, vaccinated, and, at the appropriate time, spayed/neutered. Nutritional needs are met through all natural and organic food products. Purrfect Paws draws from a wide variety of Holistic services to meet specific needs resulting from transitions, emotional, sexual, and physical abuse as well as individual physical conditions. Holistic services that have been effectively used in enhancing the positive traits of each feline include: Homeopathy, Spirit Essence Therapy, Reiki Energy Therapy, Massage, Jin Shin Jyutsu, Pet Intuitive Readings, Emotional Freedom Technique, and TTellington Touch. Perhaps the most important ingredient in the rehabilitation of each feline is the loving home environment and the 24 hour daily attention provided.

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