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CAT TAILS

When you see a one-eyed cat spit on your thumb, stamp it on the palm of your hand, and make a wish. The wish will come true !

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Celebrating Allison Melia

We celebrate Allison, who began volunteering in 2007.



Kitten Time

This is her story....."I'm a sophomore at KSU in Animal Science/ pre-vet. I love living at K-State, especially in Smurthwaite Scholarship

house because of the instant 40 sisters that I gained as soon as I got here. I'm from Kansas City, where I live with my dad.

Back home we have two cats, a calico named Gracie and a grey tabby named Jasmine. Gracie is the cat my mom chose from the local shelter where I volunteered for many years. Jasmine was a stray that was brought in to the vet clinic where I work in the worst shape I've ever seen a cat. She spent three months in the hospital but now she's a very beautiful, happy and spoiled cat.

I absolutely love volunteer-

ing at Purrfect Paws because the atmosphere is so positive and all of the cats are amazing. Going out each week is a wonderful way for me to recharge by being able to help others and at the same time relax with the positive energy from the cats. I am so in awe of everything that Jinna does for the cats and it is such a blessing to be able to be a part of her mission."



"Buddy" Time

Lillee Anne Goes "Home"

She chose me because I am the most beautiful as you can see. Janette is fortunate



to have crossed my path. She could not have found a more devoted companion! She takes such good care of me and I spoil her too. We love spending time together. When she comes home I always greet her with much love and gratefulness. This life is "p u r r f e c t".



My Adoption Day
Janette & "Me" on the most purrfect day of my life.

Give the Gift of Love



Sammie lived with his caretaker for years.

Sammie and Cymbal had to leave their devoted caretaker of many years. Sammie is twelve years old. Cymbal is fifteen years old. Although seniors, their health is "purrfect" and their love is unconditional and eternal.

Caretakers seeking temporary or permanent shelter for their animals do so for many reasons including finances, disability, disease, illness, physical limitations, disaster, divorce, and

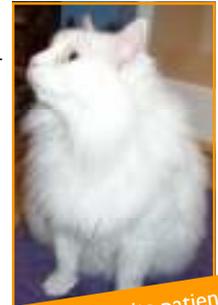
relocation.

The number of requests from devoted caretakers seeking assistance due to circumstances beyond their control has tripled in the last six months at Purrfect Paws.

The rising cost of living is making it difficult for people to care for their pets. High national unemployment rates and a slumping economy resulting in foreclosures are also affecting our four-legged friends.

YOU CAN HELP!

Please open your hearts and offer your home to Cymbal and Sammie.



Cymbal waits patiently

Call Madelyn at 785-485-2819 or Jinna at 784-494-8480



Hi there, my name is Aleesha. I arrived with pneumonia and a nasty upper respiratory infection. "Easy Breather" was an essential part of my recovery treatment. My furry friends use the essence for their upper respiratory infections also. We couldn't do without it.

Featured Spirit Essences

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.

This month the featured Spirit Essence is "Easy Breather".

"Easy Breather" is for respiratory issues, such as chronic upper respiratory infections, bronchitis, asthma, and emphysema. Easy Breather helps balance the immune system and energy fields to decrease stress and allow healing.

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!
www.spiritessence.com
www.littlebigcat.com

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Winston



Alexis

Presenting.....Alexis & Winston

Hi! My name is Winston, and just give me something to climb and I'm there! I love people and eagerly roll over for a tummy massage. No one can resist me--Just a few blinks and everyone is spellbound! My sister Alexis and I were rescued from a dog that killed our sibling. That's how we came to Purrfect Paws. We

loved our mother and love Callee our surrogate mother as much. She assumed our care at two weeks of age and has been a wonderful Mom to us. We have so many playmates at Purrfect Paws. Oh, and my sister Alexis has a few things to say. My brother loves to climb, but just give me a lap to fall asleep on and I'm in

heaven. My purrs will soothe anyone. I am as irresistible as my brother and we go as a pair. He's what I have left, and we are forever bonded. We hope you can take us home! We were born April 13, 2007. We are altered, up to date on shots, tested negative for FIV/FelV and have been examined by a veterinarian.

What Cats do Best.....Catnapping

Cats sleep anywhere! A biological clock governs a cat's rhythms which is often not in sync with our time. Adult cats sleep an

Check out sleeping recommendations from the furry family at



Lemmee & Perkins prefer "spooning"

average of 16 hours a day. Kittens sleep longer since the release of growth hormones only happens in sleep.



Purrfect Paws who are nap experts. **Sammee and Tabetha** both whole heartedly agree, "The higher



the better. It keeps the little rascals at bay... temporarily." **Francesca** says, "Give me a cozy bed soothed by the comfort of familiar scents and please do remember not to disturb my cushioned comfort."



Mahja loves Wellness canned food and has found a way to continue savoring the experience while catnapping! She says, "My best dreams happen in this slumber."



Sweet dreams from Purrfect Paws.

Why Fish is Dangerous for Cats

By Jean Hofve, DVM

A lot of cats love fish, but it's really not a good idea to feed it to your cat! The fish used in canned pet foods usually includes bones and are high in phosphorus and magnesium, which can be an issue in cats with a history of urinary tract disorders or kidney disease.

Many cats are sensitive or even allergic to fish. It is one of the top 3 most common food allergens.

Fish tends to be "addictive" to cats. They love it. Tuna or

other fish should be reserved as a rare and special treat. Feed fish no more than once a week, and in *very small amounts only*.

There is a known link between the feeding of fish-based canned cat foods and the development of hyperthyroidism in older cats.

Fish may not be safe to feed to cats. Predatory fish at the top of the food chain, such as tuna and salmon, may contain very elevated levels of heavy metals (including mercury) as well as PCBs, pesticides, and other

toxins. Tilefish (listed on pet food labels as "ocean whitefish") are among the worst contaminated, along with king mackerel, shark, and swordfish. These fish are so toxic that the FDA advises that women of child-bearing age and children should avoid them entirely and they recommend only 1 serving of albacore tuna per week due to its high mercury levels. If these fish are dangerous to children, cats are at even more risk!

The vast majority of salmon today comes from factory-farmed fish. These unfortunate

animals are kept in overcrowded pens in polluted coastal waters. They're fed anti-fungals, antibiotics, and brightly-colored dyes to make their fresh salmon color. "Organic" salmon is also farm-raised, and does not have to comply with USDA organic standards. In fact, there is no regulatory agency in the United States that sets organic standards for fish. The contaminant level of organic farmed salmon may be just as high as that of conventional farmed salmon.

Read the entire article at www.littlebigcat.com

PETCO Foundation and Cats ...a "purrfect" pair

PETCO Foundation has always done everything possible to support animal welfare causes through hands-on community outreach programs and charitable endeavors.

The PETCO Foundation was established in 1999 to promote a wide variety of educational

and charitable activities nationwide by partnering with approximately 5,700 local animal welfare organizations at the grassroots level. Since then, the PETCO Foundation has raised more than \$49 million through a combination of fundraisers including Tree of Hope, Spring A Pet, Round Up and KIND News. In addition,

the PETCO Foundation is always prepared to launch immediate fundraising efforts in the case of natural disasters and emergencies.

This year PETCO Foundation recognized Purrfect Paws, Inc. with a donation of five hundred dollars to support the "Paws for

Health" program.

For information regarding the Paws for Health program go to www.purrfectpawskansas.org and click on the "services" link.





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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 Feline/ 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 Tellington Touch. Perhaps the most important ingredient in the rehabilitation of each feline is the loving home environment and the 24 hour daily attention provided.

Instill the Joy of Giving Volunteer



Join the "Purrfect Paws"
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altering experience

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