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CAT TAILS

The statement “It’s raining cats and dogs” has various origins. Some think it comes from the time when roofs were thatched. Cats and dogs would hide in the roofs at least until it rained. Then cats and dogs would all come “raining” out.

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Celebrating Josh Stieber

We celebrate Josh, who began volunteering upon his



Play Time

return from deployment to Iraq. The cats adore Josh. We are grateful for his gentle spirit and compassionate soul. This is his story.

“I grew up in Maryland with two family cats. I had a very limited view on life. I enlisted in the Army and was stationed at Fort Riley. Many of the things I’ve learned since then have much to do with why I volunteer for Purrfect Paws.

I’d like to think that I’ve learned and am learning to appreciate the time on earth I have and all living things.

When I’m petting one of the cats, I’m touching the nature that surrounds us which is easy to forget. When I’m scooping litter boxes, I’m breaking beyond

my needs and wants, sniffing the community we have with living things.

Jinna’s calmness and dedication have created a testament to the fact that there is an abundance of opportunities for us to do something meaningful with our lives. I’m just grateful to be a part of this one.”



Bonding Time

George Goes “Home”

I insisted on having a portrait so you could experience my charisma. Maurice and Audrey are so fortunate to have crossed my path. I have much work to do as I’m head of the household. I’m told I was



matched through the *Paws for Health* program but our “union” was destiny. Can you tell my favorite For Audrey you are laps test about my lap sitting more than Maurice but she’s easy to persuade. I waited ten years for



this opportunity and I must say I think I’m benefiting as much as Audrey and Maurice. I love everything about my home and enjoy snuggling in bed after a long day’s hard work of loving. This is my life and it is “purrfect”.



Wednesday Equals Reiki



Marsha knows just what I need!

It's Wednesday and Marcia is a feline magnet! She walks in the door and is swarmed by an eager furry crowd. Some want to nibble at her fingers, others climb on her, and some simply roll over exposing the belly. Regardless of how they approach Marcia they have a common goal....to experience the Universal Life Force Energy, which flows in a powerful and concentrated form through the hands of Marcia, a Reiki Master.

The felines absorb the energy which activates and balances their energies. Reiki is a reliable method for mobilizing the body's natural biological healing mechanisms and in restoring balance on the physical, mental, and emotional

levels.

Instinctively the felines know where the energy is needed. They position their bodies such that energy can be absorbed in specific areas.

The placement positions of the hands by Marcia on the body of the felines corresponds to the endocrine glandular system and the seven main chakras. Energy flows through the hands in response to intention and the demand of the body's cells.

Feline comments about the experience include: "It is pure love", "This is Heaven", "Divine", "Wow, this is powerful", "I didn't know love could flow like this", "Can I live with her?", "Radiant warmth", and "Soothes my aching heart".

Marcia has been practicing the use of therapeutic touch, energy transfer and guided spiritual imagery for the past 25 years.

She has Master Teacher Certification in the Usui System of Reiki Natural Healing and offers Reiki treatments as well as Reiki certification opportunities. For inquiries or to make an appointment call Marcia at 785-776-1766.



Waiting Patiently



Hi there, my name is Hero. The Spirit Essence remedy "Ur Fine" helps me to stay integrated with my other furry friends. No more accidents!

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 Essences are "**Creak Away**" and "**Ur Fine**".

"**Creak Away**" is very beneficial for arthritis or other movement problems. It helps to maintain balance and remove the underlying stuck energy patterns that contribute to stiffness in the joints.

"**Ur-Fine**" helps animals with disorders of the kidneys and urinary tract; helps balance the energy system, and encourages proper flow of fluids.

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

Check out all the Spirit Essences!

www.spiritessence.com

www.littlebigcat.com



Presenting.....Mahja & Mahjeek

We remember our mother.... she was so beautiful. The last recollection we have is being in a box with her and then we were separated. We waited for her and when she didn't respond we looked desperately for food and water. There were two humans sitting outside the building under which we were hiding. They

sat patiently waiting as they desired to assist. We couldn't imagine a human wanting to assist. After several attempts and several days Doug and Jose rescued us. We were examined by Dr. Pachta and were transferred to Purrfect Paws. WOW! What a cat sanctuary! We miss our mother but in her absence we

have been able to establish many nurturing relationships. We are "playing machines" and love being adored. We were born approximately April, 2008. We have been examined by a vet, spayed, vaccinated, and tested negative for FIV/ Feluk. Adopt us and experience our love!

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Saluting Sampson and Supporters

This is me, Sampson, when Michelle found me on the highway July 14, 2007, bleeding and crying. I survived being thrown from a



moving vehicle. Despite the damage to my nasal cavity that left a hole on the top of my nose, I am a very sweet, playful, and smart

feline. Michelle took good care of me, loving and nurturing me through the worst of my injury. She is an Angel! She brought me to Purrfect Paws.

The KSU Veterinarian says I'll need CT and surgery. The estimated cost for all that is needed is two thousand dollars.

Since my fundraiser started last March I've had many experiences. Purrfect Paws is a wonderful Sanctuary where all of my needs are met other than having my very own caretaker!

Last March I became very ill and struggled for over 6 months. All hopes of an operation were put on hold. I'm healing and recuperating. I want to thank everyone for assisting in my nurturing and care. I want to express my great appreciation to those who have donated towards the cost of the operation. I'm hoping you'll be able to continue to assist. After the procedure I'll be able to breathe easier and reduce or eliminate the frequency of infections.



This is me now. I am about 1 1/2 years

old. I'm sure you'll agree I'm very handsome.

My fundraiser continues and donation box locations are Claire & Harley's, Gaia Salon, Lilacs on the Prairie and Hansen Nutrition, or send a donation to Purrfect Paws, Inc., P.O. Box 126, Manhattan, KS 66505

“Arthritis in Cats” by Dr. Jean Hofve

A recent survey of radiographs taken at a veterinary teaching hospital found that 90% of cats over 12 years of age have detectable signs of arthritis. What is generally perceived as "slowing down" or "a little stiff" may be a sign of significant joint deterioration, and probably causes some degree of discomfort in most older cats. Arthritic cats often gradually stop jumping up as high as they once did, and may be reluctant to use the stairs.

Cats cannot adequately metabolize many of the arthritis and pain medications commonly given to dogs. The good news is that there are simple, inexpensive nutritional supplements that are very effective and, most important, very safe. Supplements for arthritis include: glucosamine sulfate (250 mg per day), and MSM (methyl-sulfonyl-methane) (200 mg per day). Both of these supplements have anti-oxidant and anti-inflammatory properties.

From a holistic viewpoint, no physical condition is simply physical. Disease starts on the energetic plane and progresses through the mental and emotional spheres before manifesting itself in the physical body. One way to address this is through the use of flower essences, which can heal the imbalances on the mental and emotional planes.

Read the entire article in the library at www.littlebigcat.com

“Spirit Essence, has developed an essence remedy called “Creak-Away” that’s designed to keep the animal mentally and emotionally “flexible” and minimize the energetic stresses that contribute to the development of arthritis.

Catering and Cats ...a “purrfect” pair

What would you expect to find around a restaurant and catering business? Of course...hungry cats. The situation provided the “purrfect” opportunity to assist felines and establish a joint venture with Rambler’s Catering. The company has been a Compassion Sponsor for Purrfect Paws since 2003. A Compassion Sponsor assists in

funding/fundraising for Purrfect Paws specific programming including **Paws for Health, People & Paws**, and **Paws to Care**.

Rambler’s catering was established in 1995 by Doug Long. The company caters for all occasions and events. Rambler’s Catering has a variety of menu options from appe-

tizers to entrees and desserts. For all your catering needs call Rambler’s Catering.

For more information about Purrfect Paws or becoming a **Compassion Sponsor** go to www.purrfectpawskansas.org or call 785-494-8480.



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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 Immunodeficiency Virus (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.

Fundraising



Handsome Sampson
Donation Box Locations

**Claire & Harley's
Gaia Salon
Hansen Nutrition Center
Lilacs on the Prairie**

Or send your donation to
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Volunteer

Apply to be a Volunteer by contacting **Jinna Long** at 785-494-8480 or email purrfectpaws@wamego.net, or fill out a printable application at www.purrfectpawskansas.org.

How Can You Help?

- ◆ **CAT CARE — this is our most urgent need!**
Do you have a few hours each week to assist with routine cat care?
- ◆ Assist with fundraisers
- ◆ Track adoptions and follow-up visits
- ◆ Schedule veterinary services and transportation
- ◆ Coordinate pre and post adoption services
- ◆ Assist with [Paws for Health](#) or [People & Paws](#)
- ◆ Educate the community about Purrfect Paws
- ◆ Help with website design and maintenance
- ◆ Collaborate with community organizations and resources
- ◆ Organize membership drives
- ◆ Help with fairs/exhibits
- ◆ Foster felines in your home
- ◆ Work with special needs cats