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*Saving one cat will not change the world, but for that one cat...
the world will change forever.*

2016 Statistics

Intakes: 87

Adoptions: 73



Visit our Fundraiser at:
St. James United Church of Christ
11005 W. Michigan Ave, Saline
(During the Heritage Trail US 12 Sale)

Friday, August 11 & Saturday August 12, 8 AM - 4 PM

We will be providing breakfast and lunch for visitors touring the Trail!



Save the date for the 4th Annual
Scaredy Cat Halloween Party!

Saturday, October 14

Fraternal Order of Eagles
2935 Holmes Rd, Ypsilanti Twp. 48198
Dinner, games, dancing and fun!



**Upcoming Adoption Events at
Pet People**

3330 Washtenaw Ave. in Ann Arbor

Our next events are:

Saturday, June 10, 10 AM to 2 PM

Saturday, September 23, 10 AM to 2 PM

Saturday, November 11, 10 AM to 2 PM

Saturday, December 9, 10 AM to 2 PM

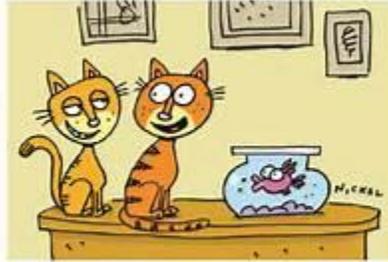


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"Wanna play 'Go Fish'?"



Happy Tales for Happy Hearts Felines

Toph



"Kitty", a blind Siamese, came to Happy Hearts in the fall of 2016 when her owner was placed in an Assisted Living facility. She was quickly adopted by a loving couple who wanted to give Kitty, now named Toph, a forever loving home. Below is an update they provided soon after placement in her new home...

"She is integrating well with the household! She is learning her name and playing well with Maggie. They love to lay next to each other on this fuzzy black blanket we have but we have to be super sneaky to even see it cuz if Toph hears us she thinks it's time for food and comes meowing towards us! We have discovered her favorite treats are the dried salmon we get from our local pet store. We love having her as our addition to the family and we are so glad to give her a "forever home" The Palmers



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Gracie



Gracie, a sweet, gentle calico, was adopted by Emily, a physician completing her fellowship in Ann Arbor and looking for a companion, while her husband, John, is completing his medical residency in California.

Gracie and she became instant companions. Gracie loves to snuggle and Emily wanted a snuggly friend.

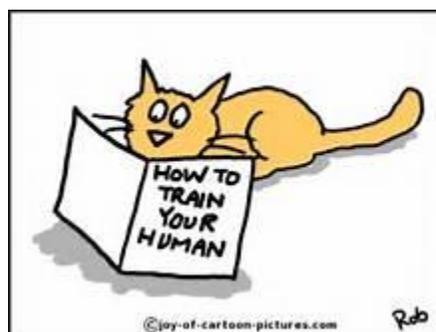
"She is absolutely the sweetest cat!" says Emily!

Princess Returns Home!

Princess first came to Happy Hearts in August of 2016, when Marilyn's husband became very ill and it was determined by the doctor that the two household cats, Princess and Freddie, were contributing to his breathing problems. After his passing, Marilyn reclaimed her kitties. But in February of 2017, sadly, Marilyn learned that she needed to relocate to Wisconsin to be near her sister and that her new apartment did not allow pets. Marilyn was devastated when she needed to, once again, surrender Princess and Freddie to Happy Hearts.

Upon arrival at her Wisconsin home, she learned that residents were able to have pets and promptly contacted Happy Hearts to see if Princess and Freddie were still at the shelter. Although Freddie had been adopted, Princess was still available. Now the question was how to get Princess to Wisconsin and back with Marilyn.

After investigating several pet transportation charities, Marilyn's brother decided he would transport Princess to Marilyn in Wisconsin. On Friday, May 19, Princess was once again united with her Kitty "Mom", never to be separated again.



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Home Care Tips for Your Cat - Suggestions On Handling an Ear Infection

An ear infection, also known by the medical term [Otitis Externa in Cats](#) (which means inflammation of the outer ear), is a common condition that may affect more than 20% of all cats. In fact, it is one of the top 20 reasons cats go to their veterinarian.

Below are some common questions cat owners ask about ear infections. The focus of this article will be "what you can do at home".

What Is an Ear Infection? An ear infection is an infection of the ear canal. Most commonly it occurs in the outer ear but it can also extend to the inner ear.

What Causes Ear Infections? Several factors can predispose cats to ear infections including infectious problems such as ear mites, allergies, trauma, tumors, foreign material in the ears, and generalized skin diseases.

Home Treatment of Ear Infections Specific treatments of ear infections are dependent on the underlying cause. Here is the general approach to treating ear infections:

-Be able to hold your cat to evaluate the ear. If you notice blood or extreme redness and irritation, the best thing to do is to see your veterinarian. Many infections require prescription antibiotics.

-If your cat is shaking his head and/or has ear discharge and you cannot take your cat to your veterinarian (which is recommended), then you may try the following:

-Administer only prescribed medications. Please check with your veterinarian before giving ANY medications to your cat. Do not put anything in your cat's ear that was not made for the ear.

-One issue with ear infections is that they can have different underlying causes. For example, ear infections can be caused by any of the following: ear mites, fungal organisms and/or bacteria. Many cats with ear infections have allergies as a predisposing cause. To be most effective, the medications for each cause can be different.

-If possible, clean the debris from the ear. Use a commercial ear cleaner, which you can get at your veterinarian's office. Here are some tips on how to clean your cat's ear:

Start by wrapping your small cat in a large thick towel with just the head exposed. Or, if you have someone help by holding your cat's body and legs.



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Clean the ear lobe. Using a cotton ball, paper towel or gauze sponges moistened with water. Gently rub the large pieces of dirt, wax and debris off the ear lobe. Repeat on the opposite ear.

Clean the cartilage of the ear. After most of the debris has been removed with the moistened cotton ball, use a cotton swab (Q-Tip®) moistened with water to gently remove the pieces of debris trapped within the cartilage of the ear. Be very careful not to place the swab down the ear canal. This will stimulate head shaking and can lead to ear trauma. It is safest to clean only the parts of the ear you can see. If there is significant wax just inside the ear canal, you can briefly place the tip of the Q-tip into the ear canal to remove the debris. However, and this is important, you should ALWAYS be able to see the cotton tip of the swab.

After cleaning the ears, it is a good idea to offer a treat. This will help make the next ear cleaning session a little smoother.

For deeper cleaning, you can use an ear-cleaning solution. To use, flush a small amount into your cat's ear. About a teaspoon is adequate for most cats. Gently massage the base of the ear. You should hear a swishing sound in most cats. Then dry as directed above using a cotton ball or gauze sponges.

-Many organisms that live in the ear prefer an alkaline environment. One inexpensive ear solution you can make at home is a 50% water and 50% white vinegar mix. This will not treat ear mites (and ear mites are very common in cats).

When to Go to the Vet! If the ear infection continues at any time, or if other symptoms are noted, call your veterinarian promptly. If your pet is not eating, acts lethargic, is vomiting or is having diarrhea, or if any other physical abnormalities begin, it is important to see your veterinarian. Your pet needs your help and the professional care your veterinarian can provide. If your pet is having the clinical signs mentioned above, expect your veterinarian to perform some diagnostic tests and make treatment recommendations. Recommendations will be dependent upon the severity and nature of the clinical signs.

When Is an Ear Infection an Emergency? An ear infection is an emergency when your cat is in pain, you cannot touch or look in your cat's ear, the ear is red and swollen, and/or your cat has a head tilt. All ear infections should be examined and treated by a veterinarian.

Source: Pet Place



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Happy Hearts Participates in Bissell's "Empty the Shelters" Day

Each year Bissell Pet Foundation sponsors Two "Empty the Shelters" Days, where they pay the adoption fee for any animal adopted through a shelter participating with Bissell in the Event.

On April 29, 2017, three Happy Hearts Felines found forever loving homes through this event. Below are pictures of the kitties and their new owners.

Fae & The Davis Family

Marshmellow & Erin

Oreo & The Staggs



Each adopted kitty went to their new home with an "Adopt Box" filled with "Kitty Essentials" and a bag of Natural Balance Grain Free Cat Food!



Samurai's Story

Samurai was originally adopted by a couple from an area humane society. However, it soon became apparent that they were unable to attend to his physical needs due to a condition called Cerebellar Hypoplasia. This condition is thought to be congenital and affects Sammy's neuromuscular movements, although it is not cat specific.

The couple contacted the humane society to return Sammy only to learn that the sweet brown tabby would be euthanized. Unwilling to accept that possibility, the couple reached out to Happy Hearts Feline Rescue for help. It has now been a year since Sammy's arrival there.

During this time, Samurai, lovingly called "Sammy" has been living 'large' in his "hotel suite" where he can move around, and even crawl up into his "hidey hole", a little wicker basket.

Daily rounds of care involves refreshing Sammy's "suite" with clean bedding during which time he is allowed to move around on the floor, albeit with random and jerky movements.



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As a frequent visitor to the rescue, I had somehow missed meeting Sweet Sammy. But, one recent spring morning was my first introduction to Sammy. I saw that sweet little guy lying quietly on his bed, his big black pupils fully dilated, intently focused on his favorite caregiver, Jeanne. It was then that realized that I was in love with Sammy!

That night I jerked awake thinking about that sweet boy. Then I remembered that I had seen little carts on television which enabled a disabled animal to easily move around. Or, to experience mobility for the first time, which would be the case for Samurai.

I jumped out of bed and went directly to my iPad to query carts for cats. It wasn't long before I found several, but I focused on one company, K9carts, as a possible supplier. I waited until the next day, Monday, to contact K9carts to make some inquiries. Could we rent a cart in order to test how well Sammy might be able to move around? Would they give a 501C3 group a discount? Did they have a model to support Sammy's whole body?

A short time later I had an email reply with a resounding "yes" to all my questions. I was ecstatic!

I contacted Jeanne at Happy Hearts and outlined my plan to purchase a cart for Sammy in hopes that he would be able to enjoy some new found freedom for the first time in his three short years of life. She was astounded by the offer and agreed to get the necessary measurements which I would then submit to K9carts for the building of the cart, which they call a wheelchair.

I did supply Sammy's measurements, and just a few hours later I received an email back from Krys at K9carts, stating that she had found a small cart which had been donated to them. She wondered if I would be willing to pay for the shipping since they would like to donate the cart to Happy Hearts for Sammy! Aha, someone else had been smitten by sweet Sammy's story! I promptly replied yes!

A FREE cart for Sweet Sammy, I wondered? I was giddy and ecstatic with the concept.

Shortly thereafter the little cart arrived, a special day for Sammy to attempt his first foray into mobility. He struggled a bit as I put him in the cart, especially since he didn't seem quite sure of what to do. His whole body was supported, but he wasn't finding much traction with his poor little atrophied legs.

But then he spied the food bowl. That was all the motivation he needed as he struggled to make it there- which he did! This was the first time in Sammy's short life in which he could stand at a food bowl and eat. It was nothing short of thrilling, and so very touching.

Since Sammy is not used to such strenuous exercise, he tired easily so we put him back in his "hotel suite" for a rest. An hour later he was awake, squawking as I entered his room, so I



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lifted him out of his suite and took him to his little cart which had been assembled, as well as adjusted, by board member Phil.

This time, Sammy seemed more comfortable in his new contraption and he made several attempts at forward movements, albeit his little atrophied hind legs were still uncooperative. We were encouraged, though, seeing the rather successful use of his front legs, especially since we had placed him on a carpeted surface, from which he could get traction. Once again, Sammy tired so he was returned to his "hotel suite" for the duration of the day.

The long term concept for Sammy was, and is, that he could/can experience freedom of movement for the first time in his life. The weekly plan is that every other day he be placed in his little cart to practice moving and getting some exercise, thus utilizing the gift of freedom from Kryz at K9carts, and with but a small donation from a cat lover. Freedom for the rest of his life... Lovingly submitted, Jan Stagg



Eight "People Foods" for Cats!

Yogurt - make sure it is unsweetened and low fat. High in calcium and protein!

Raspberries - high in fiber, vitamin C and Manganese!

Beef heart - good digestible protein, but high in fat. Must be cooked and should only be served as a treat!

Chicken or Duck feet - Seriously! Cats love the crunchy flavor. Must be cooked and although cats can generally manage eating the bones, it's best if you supervise them eating this treat.

Bananas - packed with potassium and Vitamin B-6

Meat-based Baby Food - Cats love this as a snack (not a substitution for cat food). Make sure it does not contain onion or garlic.

Sprouts - bean, broccoli or sprouted grains. High in fiber, minerals and vitamins. Be sure to wash first as prone to bacteria.



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Dehydrated liver - another great source of protein. High in iron, vitamin A and D. Do NOT overdo it though, is can cause toxicity!

Source: Modern Cat Magazine

People Foods you should NEVER Feed your Cat!

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| Chocolate, Coffee, Caffine | Alcohol | Avocado |
| Macadamia Nuts | Grapes and Rasins | Yeast Dough |
| Raw or undercooked meat, eggs and bone | artificial sweeteners | |
| Onions, Garlic or Chives | Salt - in large amounts | |

Source: ASPCA Professional



Adoption Opportunities!

Saving one cat will not change the world, but for that one cat... the world will change forever.

If you think money can't buy happiness, you haven't paid an adoption fee!
Happy Hearts Adoption Fee is only \$75!

Adoption Forms can be found on our website: www.happyheartsfelinerescue.org



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Hi I'm **Baby Girl!** I am a cute gray tabby with white chin, chest & paws! Approximately 3 years old, I am friendly and loving, and would love to be placed in a home where I am the "Queen Bee"!

Introducing **Summer** - a 3-year-old female with a very sweet personality. She is as beautiful as she is loving.



Playful **Shadow** - a 3-year-old male. Shadow is still a little shy, but responds well to playtime and treats! He's hoping that someone will give him a chance at a "forever" loving home....

Stunning **Teddy!** A 3-year-old Tabby with striking markings. Longing for a loving, forever home, Teddy has been in our shelter since he was 4 wwks old. He will warm up quickly to anyone he can trust.





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Our cats are neutered or spayed, tested for feline leukemia. They are vaccinated for feline leukemia, rabies and FRCPCP, and free of parasites.

To see more of our adorable and adoptable felines,
visit us on Petfinder.com - <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/MI951.html>
or our website - <http://www.happyheartsfeline rescue.org>
OR better yet, Come Visit Us!



Five Ways you can support Happy Hearts Feline Rescue!

1. **Collect old shoes - Happy Hearts receives \$0.50/lb of old shoes through Community Recycling!**
2. **Join the Community Rewards Program and shop at Kroger!**
3. **Online shopping through Amazonsmile - the same Amazon you know, only a portion of your purchases through Amazon Smile goes to Happy Hearts!**
4. **Buy Bissell products - a portion of your purchase is donated to Happy Hearts!**
5. **Buy Fresh Step Cat Litter, designate those Paw Points to Happy Hearts! Fresh Step will send Happy Hearts FREE Litter for its Shelter.**

In 2016, Happy Hearts received:
\$80 from Kroger, \$27 from Amazon
and 10 Fresh Step bags of litter
from your participation in these programs! Thanks so much!





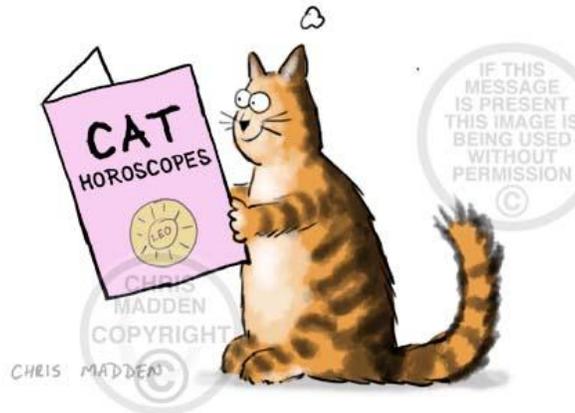
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YOU WILL SPEND THE DAY
CURLLED UP ON THE COMFY CHAIR.
IN THE EVENING EXPECT A TREAT FROM
YOUR OWNER FOR BEING SO GOOD.



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**Remember.... Saving one cat will not change the world,  
but for that one cat...  
the world will change forever.**  
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**I love what Happy Hearts is doing for the homeless kitties
and want to help!**

Enclosed is my donation for \$ _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Please mail your donation to:
Happy Hearts Feline Rescue
PO Box 909, Saline, MI 48176



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