

Spring 2016

News and Updates

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Updates from MEOW Inc

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You're receiving our newsletter because you may have been helped by one of our MEOW Inc volunteers, been one of our wonderful and appreciated supporters, or just have had a general interest in TNR and what we do! We hope you'll read about what we've been up to and the exciting things to come!

Update: Warrior Princess Zina

Healthy and Adopted!

You may remember Zina - an 8-week-old kitten who we found sitting on a sidewalk all by herself while conducting TNR at a colony of 20 cats! She was extremely sickly when we found her and it was obvious that her mom had abandoned her.

Zina was taken to a veterinarian immediately, since it was apparent that she was having difficulty breathing and eating for unknown reasons. Thanks to the support of donors, we're happy to report that she is now a happy and healthy little girl who was adopted by one of our rescuers who just couldn't part with her!



Thank you to all of you who donated to help this little girl through her difficult kittenhood journey - she's living the spoiled life now!

Event: Alex and Ani

April 12th, 6pm to 8pm

12 Broad Street

Red Bank, NJ

In an effort to help raise money for all the needy cats we are helping, we are holding a fundraiser at Alex and Ani in Red Bank! Please come out and buy some gorgeous gifts for Mother's Day, birthdays and graduations. All proceeds raised from this fabulous event will go directly to the cats!

If you can't attend, but want to order, please call your orders into the store (732.268.7274) on April 12th and let them know it should be credited to the MEOW Inc fundraiser!

MEOW Inc will get a portion of the proceeds for everything bought with the exception of charms from the "Charity by Design" and "Affinity" products. We hope to see you there!



Upcoming Fundraiser: Special Edition Cat Toys

Sneak Peak at MEOW Inc's Custom Cat Toy Line!

We're working with a talented artisan who is making a custom toy line just for our supporters! Here's a sneak peak at some of the cute catnip-filled felt toys that will be available for purchase toward the end of the month! Stay tuned with us on Facebook to learn how to order!



Adoptions: Bashful Bunch Month

Give a home to an introverted cat in need!

We are making April "Bashful Bunch Month"! We have a number of shy cats who are a little nervous to meet new people. We need your help to spread the word about these beautiful babies who need someone special to show them that they're loved, safe and special. You can check out the shy cats we have for adoption on our [Petfinder adoption page](#).



Tissue Alert: When they Sneak In

Mother cat and kittens find safety and homes!

Every once in a while, we have something that surprises even us! One of our volunteers was taking out the garbage in her



garage one night and heard a loud wailing of a kitten. Much to her dismay, she found a tiny, 7-day-old kitten alone and hidden underneath her furnace! It turns out that a mother cat was in the process of moving her kittens into the warm garage to take refuge from a three-day rain storm.

Our volunteer used some quick thinking and set up a situation where this elusive mother cat would bring the rest of her kittens in safety, allowing us to ensure that we could catch them all in order to save them.

A total of four gorgeous kittens showed up within a day and a half! We were able to trap the mother cat and when we brought them all to the vet for a check-up, we discovered that she was not only domesticated, but incredibly sweet and loving. There wasn't a dry eye in that examination room, because it meant that we had the opportunity to find all of her babies homes, as well as the sweet mother cat. So we named her Annie and all of them went into foster where we were able to watch them grow from infancy into these wonderful, happy, socialized older kittens.

Annie and her only son went to a wonderful home together, as did two of the other kittens. And the last little one went to a home with two new best friends - a little girl and a very gentle dog. We're thrilled to report that this entire family is blossoming and is happy and healthy in their furever homes!

We couldn't help families like this one without your support - thank you for making stories of hope like this possible!



Save the Date: Summer Social

Follow us on Facebook: [Ticket sales start soon!](#)

We had a fabulous time last year - the [pictures](#) speak for themselves! Make sure you get your seats again this year because we have some fantastic prizes awaiting you! All of the proceeds will go directly to our community cats!

The English Manor
July 28, 2016 from 6pm to 10pm
1 English Lane, Ocean, NJ



Helping Hands: Panther

[Panther needed medical intervention!](#)

We know how many people care for outdoor community cats and we know just how much they are

loved and that bonds of trust that are formed over time.

We received an emergency plea for help from someone who was feeding a small colony of cats. One of these semi-feral cats named Panther showed up in rough shape one day, limping and in pain, and their caregiver was desperate to get him help, but could not afford vet bills.



Panther allowed himself to be picked up by his caregiver and we were able to arrange transport for a vet visit to figure out what was happening. After x-rays and an exam, the veterinarian could tell that poor Panther was suffering from a very painful and deep bone infection and predicted that he would likely not be able to put weight on that leg again even if the infection was cured. And the only treatment course available was to keep him on high-dose antibiotics for three months!

So we helped his caregiver with the vet bills and medication costs and assisted her with the steps she needed to take to socialize Panther the rest of the way to become an indoor cat since it was too dangerous for him to go outside again with just three functional legs.

We're happy to report that Panther made a full recovery from his infection and is thrilled to be a spoiled indoor cat. He even uses that fourth leg a bit!

We couldn't save cats like Panther without your help!

Second Chances: Grace

Sometimes there's more than meets the eye!

A kind woman found a tiny grey cat curled up in a ball in the middle of a sidewalk. The woman, who we had previously helped with TNR, contacted us immediately as she was extremely concerned for the well-being of this poor cat who was in terrible shape. Once we collected this little one, it was clear she could not cope with living outdoors and had not eaten in a very long time, as she was shockingly and heartbreakingly emaciated.



She was given the appropriate name, Grace, and received a complete medical evaluation, plenty of food and lots of rest. Unfortunately, it was determined that Grace had a significant heart murmur and a severe vision handicap. Although Grace was a sweet cat at heart, her inability to see well made her very nervous and jumpy in situations where she didn't know what to expect with new people and new places that she couldn't see properly. So Grace was faced with many challenges, including finding a home where she could be accepted not only for her medical disabilities, but for her tendency to sometimes be a sassy as a result of those disabilities.

What we discovered though, was that Grace responded brilliantly to audio cues! So for example, she felt much more comfortable when you talked to her as you walked nearby, because she knew where you were without any surprises. And when Grace had trouble judging distance to jump down from somewhere, we could snap near the floor, and she would have an audio and visual cue as to how far down the floor was. It became clear how very smart she was and very adept at compensating for her poor vision. We realized there was more than meets the eye with this cat and

that her future looked bright!

So we reached out to our wonderful network to find the ideal home for a special girl like Grace. An amazing woman saw past Grace's disabilities and fell in love with her instantly and Grace is now in the most wonderful home with the kindest woman who adores her. And the feeling is obviously mutual, as Grace slept with her new mom on her very first night together and follows her around the house - they have a beautiful connection based on kindness and trust. It doesn't get better than that!

Planned Giving

We'd love to have our own sanctuary someday!

Our long-term goal is to have a farm to provide a managed safe haven for feral cats who are in life-threatening situations and need relocation. We realize this is a lofty goal, but we hope that someday we will be able to realize that dream to own many acres for these cats to live out their lives safely and happily with lifelong care, shelter and love.



So if you are considering donating to animal-welfare organizations in your will, please consider including MEOW Inc. A sanctuary like that takes money and we would love to provide a safe place for feral cats whose caregivers have passed on or for those who need to escape life-threatening situations and have nowhere else to turn.

So please consider giving these sweet cats a very [special gift](#) by providing for MEOW Inc through a bequest, trust, annuity, or insurance policy. Planned giving is a powerful way to ensure your longtime legacy of protecting animals; and your commitment will also serve as an inspiration to others. Such arrangements can provide tax benefits, as well as ensure the continuation of MEOW Inc's important mission.

Please Make a Donation

Our Coiffers Are Low!

Kitten season is here! Caring for kittens in particular is extremely costly as kitten formula and vetting for the MANY kittens we help is absolutely necessary, but expensive. We offer financial assistance for those who cannot afford TNR as well, and this year has been particularly costly for us.

Please [help us](#) continue to help cats and kittens in need! No amount is too small and ALL donations go directly to the animals.



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