

# Pet Tidings

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## Danielle and Gato: Honoring the Bond Cats Choose for Each Other

By Alicia Demetropolis

As much as we hope and pray for miracles for our kitties, when these miracles do happen, we're always surprised and overjoyed. Patricia is one such miracle. She'd been watching our web site and waiting for just the right pair of kitties, and as soon as she saw Danielle and Gato's photos, she knew they were meant to be hers.

Beautiful but very shy, Danielle was originally adopted by a woman nearly 11 years ago, when she was still just a wee kitty. This lovely woman wanted a playmate for six month old Gato, and the two bonded well. Last year, when the woman had to surrender the cats, we saw the same shy Danielle being protected by her brother



Gato, and we knew we had to take them both and keep them together.

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**Our own  
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## From the Editor's Desk

One of the challenges we encounter in finding homes for our Safe Haven residents is the bonded kitties. We are committed to keeping these kitties together, no matter how long it takes to find that purrfect home. We recognize that most potential adopters are looking for a single animal. When we bring in a bonded pair, they might be with us for quite some time.

We have dedicated a good deal of space in past issues of *Pet Tidings* to the benefits of adopting more than one cat. Last winter, we celebrated our 2000th adoption with a pair of kittens – Jerry and Perry – two adorable felines from a litter of seven, who bonded as the “leaders of the pack.” The second installment of a two-part article, *Take Two ... They're Little*, dealt with the joy of adopting a bonded pair. Our regular *Safe Haven Adoptables* page has featured bonded pairs several times in the past.

Almost three months ago, we began planning for this issue. PFOA had been fortunate to find wonderful homes for several of our bonded pairs. What better way to celebrate than to dedicate this issue to them? And so, our theme became obvious. What we didn't know was that many other bonded pairs, some who had been with us well over a year, would be adopted during the three months from inception to publication!

Self-fulfilling prophecy or pure chance? Who knows?

We hope you enjoy the stories of Gato and Danielle, Bertie Wooster and Tommy Twitch, and the many PFOA alumni (including Tailspin and Oliver) now integrated into a very unusual (and large) family. Check out the *VetSmartz* column for great advice from Dr. Johnson on adopting in pairs. And take a look at the *Adoptables* page for a different take on animal relationships.

We know that the cost involved in providing a forever home for two cats versus one can seem prohibitive to many people. We understand this because we initially incur the cost of rescuing and caring for these bonded pairs. But we recognize that these kitties only have each other after their lives are first torn apart by losing their home and coming to us, and then again as they are uprooted and taken to their forever home. Since so many of us have discovered the joys of sharing our lives with bonded pairs, we continue to remain committed to keeping these kitties together.

As always, we want to thank our fans for their continued donations so that we can keep doing the right thing for these animals in our care. Your generosity and support are always appreciated by all of us here at PFOA!

**- The Editors**



## News from the Board

Summer was upon us early this year. Even “kitten season” seems to have advanced a bit. As I write, we have fifteen of the little guys in residence, and are they fun! There don't seem to be as many kittens out there as in previous years, possibly indicating that our aggressive spay/neuter efforts the past 15 years really have had an impact in the community.

Our first ever mail-in voting, at our annual meeting in May, was very successful and went off without any glitches. For those who did attend the meeting, it was a time of good food and good fellowship as well, just like old times. The appointments of Judi Norton and Kevin Rose to the Board of Directors were unanimously confirmed at the annual meeting. The Board later elected the following officers for the current 2015-16 year:

Kevin Rose, President  
Nancy Campbell, Vice President  
Barbara Swedeen, Treasurer (until December 31, 2015)  
Judi Norton, Treasurer (starting January 1, 2016)  
Marilyn Ash, Secretary

**Ann Gilson, outgoing President of the Board**

# Kitties Learn to Love Their New Home, Together

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It would be more than a year before someone decided to take a chance on these middle-aged siblings. Many had come to see them, and Gato would meet them at the door, jump in the nearest lap, and snuggle up to be petted. Danielle would hide under a blanket draped across their cat tree. When visitors would try to meet her, Gato would immediately jump up in front of Danielle, protecting her from anyone who attempted to get close to her.

None of this bothered Patricia. "I knew I wanted two cats," she told me recently. "Two cats keep each other company while you're gone – they're very social animals. I knew I was going to be volunteering and be gone a few hours here and there, so I wanted them to have each other."

Danielle and Gato's ages didn't scare her off, either: "I'm older," Patricia explained, "and I don't want to outlive a kitten. I don't want the cat to have to go back to the shelter and find another new home."

When Patricia first brought them to their new forever home, she put their cages in her large bathroom and opened the doors to let them explore little by little and on their own terms. "Danielle was so shy when I first got her home, but of course Gato came out right away, raring to go and taking over the house."

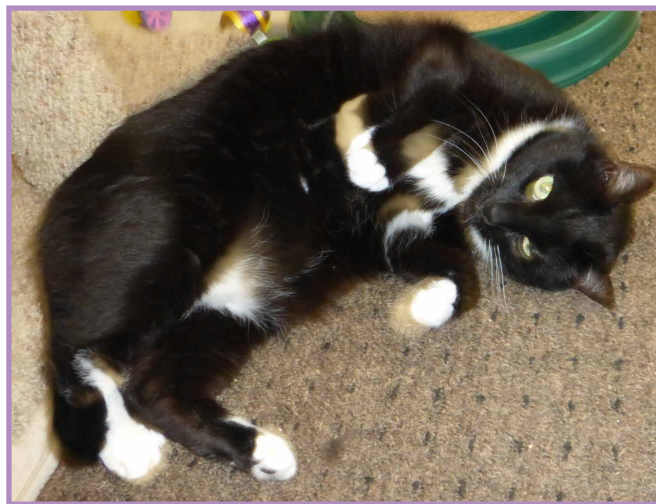
Eventually, Danielle went into hiding under the bed and Patricia said, "At one point Gato finally went under there, and he must have talked to her because she came out

shortly thereafter to have a look around."

The first garbage day was a real test, and a turning point for Danielle. Patricia said, "Danielle freaked, panicked at the loud noises and ran back under the bed. After the truck was long gone, Gato went around the house looking for her and making little calling noises. He



finally realized she must have been back under the bed, so he crawled under there with her." Patricia said they were



both quiet for a while, and then a short time later they came out together. Just one month later, they are both used to the noise on garbage day and watch out the window at all the activity.

Danielle is slowly coming out of her shell, and is turning out to be a very sweet girl. Patricia notices little signs as the days go by, which show her how much Danielle is starting to trust her. "There was that one day I walked into the bedroom and she was lying on her back on the bed – a very vulnerable position for any animal. I just went over and rubbed her belly, and she didn't mind." Now Danielle follows Patricia around the house and chats with her constantly. She loves to have Patricia brush her, but Gato apparently thinks it's not manly to be brushed. Both are already sleeping on the bed with her at night, knowing that they're safe with their new mommy.

Like any typical brother and sister, they get into little spats from time to time, and soon Gato is licking Danielle's cheek to make up for whatever he did wrong. They also get into licking contests, each kitty licking the other in turn, over and over.

Cats are very sensitive, and Patricia is working very hard to be sure not to set Danielle and Gato back in any way. While they are all still getting to know each other, it's clear that there's already a loving bond between the three. One day Patricia was watching an emotional movie and starting to cry, and the next thing she knew she had a cat in her lap. "I looked down and there's Gato, looking up at me, making sure I'm all right. I told him, 'It's okay, Gato. It's just a movie!'" ❀





## We are Family

*By Margaret Carr*

Welcome to our merry household composed of six cats, four dogs and me. All but the first of my cats, Bridgette, came from PFOA. The second cat, Big Bubba (also known as Oliver) came long before I became a PFOA volunteer. Years later, but within a few months of each other, came Rosie, Zeke and Isaac (previously Tailspin and Oliver), and then Boone.

The longest-residing cat here is a six-year-old tabby named Bridgette. She had the hardest time adapting to more cats in the house. Bridgette is a medically and temperamentally fragile seven-pound cat, but she's feisty and now holds her own chasing around with the boys. Only Rosie gives her fits.

Next to arrive was eight-year-old big gray Bubba, a 19-pound marshmallow. He welcomes all the new cats with open paws. He shares his chair with each cat that joins him. Bubba will bathe any of the cats or dogs that will let him. He'll continue licking until the subject of his affection finally gets fed up and swats or moves to end the session.

Seven-year-old calico Rosie and I fell in love when I began working in the PFOA office as a volunteer. She came home and began terrorizing Bridgette and Bubba. She ruled the whole house. Rosie has calmed down, but all the cats still give her a wide berth.

Short-haired shiny black Zeke and Isaac came together. These initially

shy brothers now interact positively and energetically with all the other animals. Both love everyone in the family and play hard and high-speed. The amount of noise they now make thundering through the house with Boone is amazing and not for the weak of heart during the night.

Long-haired black Boone came home last. He suffers from cerebellar hypoplasia, also known as wobbly cat syndrome. I know it as super lack of coordination. His disability becomes an asset in other ways. He has absolutely no fear of other cats (including Rosie), or anything else: dogs, people, vacuums. He will explore anything, go anywhere, fail at something, try again, play and wrestle, try to get as close to the hummingbird feeder as possible, scaling the inside of the screen door, and get on counters and knock EVERYTHING off. He will lean against me in the kitchen, fall over when I move and begin again. He is always underfoot, weaving in and out, meowing and hoping for attention or treats. Then he collapses into a long, luxurious nap. Life is a joy to him. All the animals have loved him from day one. I have too.

Add to the above mix four dogs: Rudy, a young shepherd/boxer/pit bull mix, Agnes, an ancient Border Collie, and two older Shih Tzus who live here temporarily while their owners are in a nursing home. Rudy loves the cats and is often the recipient of



 Dear Rosie & Tony,

My name is Figgy. I am 10 weeks old. I have a new home. I love my mommy and daddy very much. I have a big sister. Her name is Tink. I have a big brother. His name is Tank. I love them very much. Will my ears always be this big?

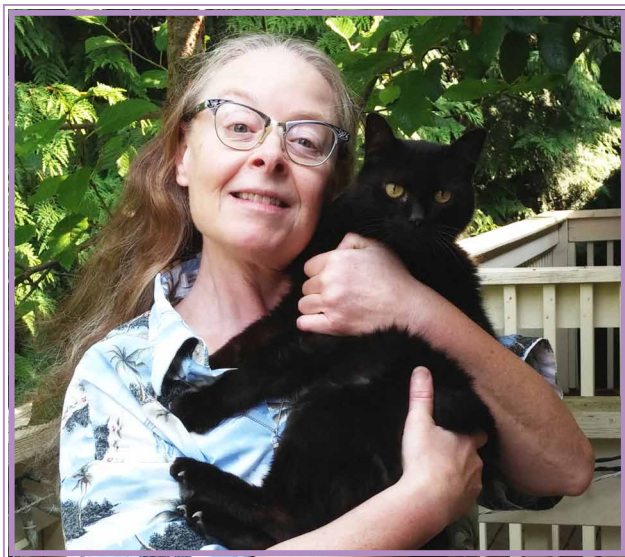
Love, Figgy

**Tony replies:** Hello, Figgy. You sound like a very smart young man! Sometimes our ears stay big, and sometimes the rest of our body catches up with our ears and they don't look quite so big any more. They end up staying just as big as they need to be. You will always be handsome, no matter how big or small your ears are. Thank you for writing to us!

**Rosie replies:** Hi, Figgy! Tony is right -- you sound very smart! Big ears will help you hear better. That's important as you're growing up. If they stay big, you can use your good hearing to watch out for your big brother and big sister when they get older! Thank you for writing!

Bubba's baths, Rosie's company, or the boys wandering around under him and rubbing against him. Agnes tried herding the cats at first but gave up. The Shih Tzus bark at the cats and want to play. Every cat took the dogs in stride very quickly. Initially, the dogs gained the upper hand but quickly realized that cats rule. Period!

I've been careful to give LOTS of extra attention mixed with patience and determination. I'm surprised how well we all work together. We share such joy and happiness because we are family. ♣



*By Alicia Demetropolis*

Meet a woman who can work magic over the phone, using her unmatched energy and enthusiasm to keep our kitties fed here at PFOA, and somehow always manages to find us those “odd-fish” donations.

Constance Authier was reading a copy of Pet Tidings back in October 2005, and saw that we were looking for carpet remnants. She’d had experience doing telephone marketing

grateful...and hopeful that she could work more magic for us.

It was time to look around for more food donations, so we asked if she could try her hand at this project as well. Constance took the project and ran with it. She provided us with an organized list of donors and potential suppliers, and we had our first-ever, well-stocked food bank. On top of that, she came up with the idea to organize a PFOA Food Drive, and

obtained buy-in from various stores and veterinary offices who were willing to participate before she presented the complete plan to PFOA. I believe that, at this point, someone back at PFOA’s office began shouting about “finding gold!” No, not really. I’m joking there.

But we do turn to her whenever we need those odd-fish donations: Pea gravel, windows, you name it, our Golden Girl can find it for us.

## Meet a Volunteer: Constance Authier

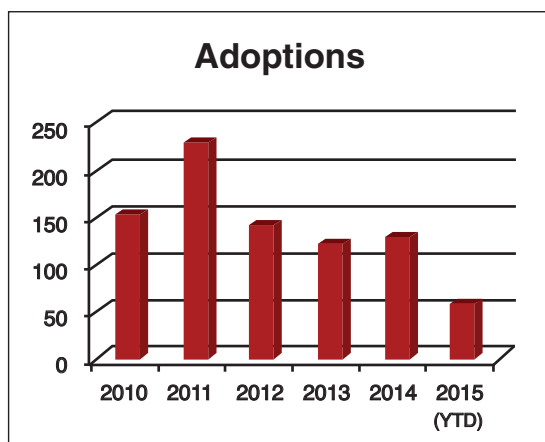
When Constance and her husband lived in California, she began rescuing abandoned cats: “You see the familiar signs – a litterbox in the garbage bin and then suddenly there’s a cat you’ve never seen before hiding out in the bushes. That’s when you know there’s someone new to rescue,” she says.

She has three rescued kitties of her own who are strictly inside kitties: Junior Pee Wee is 16 years old; Harvey is two years old; and Harvey’s mother, Miss Puss, is about four or five years old. Constance gives a lot of credit to her good friend, John Danks, who took in Miss Puss as soon as Constance recognized she was a pregnant stray: “John not only fostered Miss Puss during her last weeks, he kept the kittens and fostered them as well.” He then helped Constance find forever homes for Harvey’s six siblings.

An avid jazz fan, she volunteers at jazz festivals and takes homemade caramel corn – her specialty – to the musicians as a way of thanking them for sharing their passion and talent. Constance gets around everywhere on her bicycle, and has never owned a car: “I think they’re bad for the environment,” she says. “I also have never owned a cell phone and I prefer to stay off the Internet.”

The kitties and folks here at PFOA don’t mind that one bit. Give this woman a good old-fashioned telephone, a pencil and pad of paper and she can work magic! ♣

## Keep up-to-date with PFOA!



The chart above display our progress with our Adoptions. They show the yearly Adoption numbers for the past 5+ years.

## Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!

# BONDED KITTIES ... RELATED OR NOT

At PFOA, we see a significant number of pairs of bonded kitties. In the majority of cases, the cats are siblings, or at least have lived together for most of their adult lives. Look through the photos of the adopted cats in any issue of Pet Tidings, and you will see at least one instance where a bonded pair found their forever home together. In this issue, check out Fay and Ray, Flint and Rainen, Elsa and Fluffers, Gato and Danielle, Betsy and Ross, and, last but not least, Bertie Wooster and Tommy Twitch. The majority of these were siblings, but not all. Read the stories of Gato and Danielle, and Bertie and Tommy. Related? No. Bonded? Most certainly.

In this column we are featuring three sets of bonded felines, all with very different types of relationships. Read and enjoy!



**BILLY** and **BOBBY** are two of a litter of three boys. Initially in foster care, they “graduated” to Safe Haven at about nine weeks old. Billy and Bobby are almost identical—the only way to tell them apart is that one is a little smaller. Their brother, Benny, was adopted immediately, and Billy and Bobby had the run of the kitten room



for a couple of weeks, until a young lady by the name of **TAYLOR** arrived. Taylor was accepted almost immediately by the two boys, and the three black shorthair kittens are having the time of their lives now. They play together, sleep together, and are the best of friends. They would be overjoyed to remain together forever.



**DUCHESS** and **PRINCESS** are sisters who don’t have a great deal in common. Duchess is a shorthair dilute tortie with a very sweet demeanor. Princess is a longhair gray, peach and white cat with a bit of the tortitude that seems to have eluded her sister. Even with their different purrsonalities, the two kitties get along very well, and Duchess is not at all shy about competing with her sister for attention and loves. As opposite as these two ladies are, they are attached to each other, and need to find that purrfect forever home together.



**KATTCHER** and **MR. FEATHERS** had never met before arriving at Safe Haven. Mr. Feathers showed up as a stray, hanging out in the trees of the family of a PFOA “graduate”. Kattcher, a pretty golden brown tabby, showed up at another house, and was named by her rescuer—her many toed paws resemble a catcher’s mitt. The two cats were brought to Safe Haven by two different people on the very same day. Although the intake area is not conducive to developing relationships, Mr. Feathers and Kattcher were moved to one of the adult cat rooms together, and they have become best friends in a very



short period of time. We know they would be very happy to find their forever home together, and we’ll try our best to make it so!

Please call PFOA at **360-452-0414** and press “2” to inquire about to talk about any of these featured pets. Leave a message if you get voice mail; a staff member will return your call. Or go online to see many others at [www.safehavenPFOA.org](http://www.safehavenPFOA.org)



# Vet-Smartz



By Virginia M. Johnson DVM  
Diplomate, American Board  
of Veterinary Practitioners

## ADOPTING TWO – BONDED PAIRS

When it comes to deciding how many pets we have in our homes, sometimes the decision is taken from our hands. A stray cat or dog is found and the relationship just clicks. Voila!! Another pet comes into our lives! The little kitten found in a rainstorm or the dog found in the middle of the road without someone who cares can become our own without planning, but because they need us and warm our hearts and it just feels right.

Other times we think about how many animals to have and we plan which animal will join our families.

We make that purposeful trip to the shelter or we peruse the internet rescue/adoption sites for hours to find the “right” pet for our families. When that happens, lots of things go into our decision – how many pets we already have, temperaments and personalities of the existing pets, family income and discretionary money to feed and care for another animal.

These are good questions and considerations because they mean that we planned for a pet that we could afford and who gets along with the rest of the critters we live with.

Then there are times when we have no pets and decide to bring a dog, cat, gerbil, or rabbit into our family. Studies have been done that show that adopting two pets at the same time is often a great way to make sure that everyone gets along and has a buddy in our homes. Adopting two bonded animals is a great way to save two lives and keep “their” family together. The obvious bond is that of brothers or sisters – littermates – at a shelter or from a rescue group. The two (or more) have been together since birth and they will do better when one of their siblings is with them. Mothers or fathers and one or more of their young ones are another obvious bonding pair. Make sure that they are spayed and neutered

whichever you adopt within the family so that they don’t make more little babies.

Another family unit that isn’t as obvious is that of friends that may meet as adults, but become very attached in their relationship. This happens when you don’t always expect it. Recently an odd pair became well known on the internet. Mr. G is a goat that needed sanctuary when his old home could not keep him. Animal Place – a farm animal rescue in Grass Valley, California – adopted him and took him in. He had a best friend Donkey named

Jelly Bean that Animal Place could not take, so another rescue group took Jelly Bean in. Mr. G moped around, didn’t eat and generally did very poorly for a week. Animal Place was afraid he was going to die, so they brought Jelly Bean to their facility. Upon hearing and seeing his dear friend, Mr. G immediately got up, nuzzled Jelly Bean and started to eat. Mr. G has been right as rain ever since.



These two are so bonded that Mr. G didn’t feel like living without his friend Jelly Bean. No one realized that they were such a bonded pair.


Sometimes we can only properly care for one new pet, but sometimes there is room in our hearts, homes and bank accounts for two. Consider the love you can share and consider adopting two pets the next time you open your hearts. Two pets are healthier, happier and become play mates so you don’t have to do all the playing. PFOA has several such bonded pairs of cats. A recent newsletter told us about several of these bonded pairs that needed to be adopted together. Many rescue groups take in such bonded pairs and try very hard to find a home that can take in both. It can be a difficult task. Take a look wherever you adopt or rescue and remember the old saying that “Two are better than one!” ♣

## “Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”




Tezzy, now named Misiek, is doing great! This is her after a nap, just hanging by the heater.  
**Laura Ann Lofgren**

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 Thank you so much for all your help. You've made it possible for us to save a lot of kittens these past months. I feel so much relief when I know the babies are headed to you because I know what a great place you have. Thank you, **Aleda**

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 We love our pets very much, and we appreciate all you all do for our community. FYI, we believe PFOA is one of the best pet rescue missions in the USA. Many people take you for granted but we aren't one of them. We wish you all a very successful 2015. You can count on us for continued support.


Best Regards, **Loretta Flanders and Dick Hahn**

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 Your Newsletter has to be one of the best and the most professional I've seen. The lay-out is great; the articles are well-written and enjoyable; the photos and their narratives make me fall in love with each and every kitty. I look forward to each new issue.

Thank you. **Karen Holden**

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 Just a small donation to help with the wonderful work you do. I adopted a 4 year old calico from you over 3 years ago, Loretta...I renamed her Lorelei and she's been a wonderful and loving pet. I am so happy to have her! **Pat Wilson**

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 I really enjoy reading the Pet Tidings. When we're ready for a cat we will choose you. Thanks a million, **Donna and Jerry Walker**



Here's another photo of Thomas (Adam) and Huckleberry (Davey). Pippin and Tiger were watching them as they attacked a piece of dried grass that Pippin took out of my flower arrangement and gave to the kittens. I was letting them play with the packing material from a delivery as well. Huckleberry has doubled in size since he moved in with us! He is now almost the same size as Pippin. **Melinda Weer**



Amelia and Aimslee are doing well - they're a lot of fun. It's what Jeff and I call the witching hour so the kitties are running around having a blast with their toys. I was surprised to get them both looking at the camera - they're not camera shy! **Kim Tingelstad**

Received two of your newsletters when I visited Safe Haven last Monday. I can vouch for the alternative treatments for pets described in your Winter 2013 issue of Pet Tidings.

My daughter's cat was hit by a car and left paralyzed in his hindquarters. He'd walk by dragging his back legs. She took him to an acupuncturist. As he began inserting needles, Linus's back legs began to quiver. I don't remember the rest of the story, but eventually he walked, ran, climbed trees, hunted successfully and lived to a good old age. The only remnant of his accident was that he would lose a little urine during sleep. The vet thought he might be having a mild seizure, causing the urine loss. They just kept a special pad for him to sleep on in their bed. BTW his hunting primarily focused on ground squirrels and mice. He would always generously leave the liver on their door mat to share with his people.

Thank you to your manager for graciously showing me your many interesting cats. Thank you for caring about animals who need homes.

**Sonja Selboe, Indianola**





# “Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



Our family adopted Arnold on Valentines Day, and he is doing great. He has lots of toys and eats good healthy food

every day. He is very loved and spends a lot of time laying on the couch or bed watching TV with us. He also has a lot of fun playing with our other cat Howie and he even bullies him (I guess he learned this from Fancy Bird). They play, fight, and then lay together.

Thank you for taking good care of Arnie. We appreciate all that you do. **Kristina, Anthony, and Arnie**



Skylar, now known as JOY is doing fine!! I cannot get her to sit on the couch with me but, she'll sleep on the bed with me at night---strange! She uses the couch as a

quick jump from the floor to the window ledge, and, that's as close as she will get to being on it. I even sprinkled catnip on it trying to entice her. She is a love and a joy!!!! Thank you for your on-going concern about the cats that are, and were, in your care. **Betty Barnard**



A couple of years ago (maybe three) we got a new cat for the family from PFOA. His name was/is Montgomery or Monty. He bonded with my young girl Jessi, now 9 years old. They love each other to pieces and are hardly ever apart and sleep together every night. Laziest cat I've ever seen in my life but the friendship between Monty and Jessi is awesome.

Thanks, **Michael Lack**



Hello to All! You may not remember me but I was a volunteer there for a year or so, visiting the kitties, helping raise contributions by selling the wonderful potholders at different

events and also helping at the yearly garage sale. I miss all of you and most of all the cats and kittens. No offense!

We moved from Sequim in 2013 to a beautiful area, Eagle Point, Oregon. We brought our most beloved companion, Paddywack, with us. He liked it here but we suspect he missed his beautiful property with flowers and trees in Sequim.

On February 24th, our beloved Paddywack crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. He is in our hearts and we miss him beyond belief. I'm sending a donation in his behalf for you to use to help other felines in need and distress.

You are a wonderful organization and I tell all I meet about your dedication to the cats, the community, and the people you help when they no longer can keep their animals.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,  
**Mary and Rishard Gorczewski**



**Dear Nancy and PFOA:** We LOVE our new home! We have lots of toys to play with, a house to run through and play chase, and of course we get to do LOTS of new exploring! We are busybodies, but we do take naps too. We get lots of attention and play with our new mom and of course we love having a forever home. Thank you so much for caring for us and all our good friends there who fostered us too!

Lovingly, **Tyler, Elsa and Benny/Fluffers too!**



This is my promised follow up report on how Rosalie is doing in her new digs. She is our bed partner, and she is very affectionate and a good snuggler. We like her cute short haircut, which separates her from other long-haired cats, and should be cooler for her for the summer. She is making continued progress with her adopted brother, Simba. She growls less in his close presence, and I think she is beginning to trust him more and realizes he is not a threat. Thanx for letting us adopt Rosalie. She is rapidly becoming a cherished family member.

Love from Emerald Highlands,  
**Loretta and Dick**

## Bertie and Tommy: Best Friends Forever



*By Marilyn Ash*

Bertie Wooster and Tommy Twitch met in the intake room at Safe Haven. They were in separate cages – intake is the only place at PFOA with cages – and really didn't have much to say to each other. As a matter of fact, it was pretty hard to communicate at all. Neither cat could even see the other. Their backgrounds were quite different.

Bertie had been adopted as a kitten from WAIF on Whidbey Island. His adoptive parents adored him, but he



was big and active and terrorized their older cats, who did not want to play with the young orange tornado. Both parents were out of the house all day, and they felt that Bertie needed a lot more attention than they could

provide. Because they really loved the big boy and wanted the best for him, they reluctantly brought him to PFOA to find a new home.

A couple of weeks after Bertie arrived, Tommy was brought in with a group of stray kitties rounded up near Forks to be spayed/neutered and vaccinated. Normally, the feral cats are returned to the area where they were found to live out their lives in familiar surroundings. But Tommy was

different. He was so sweet ... not at all feral. He had lived a totally outside life escaping the attacks of large dogs. He was starving, flea-bitten, and had scar tissue on his belly. His long hair was dull and matted. The volunteers couldn't bear to give him up. So Tommy came to Safe Haven to find a forever home.

After their tour of duty in Intake was over, Bertie and Tommy were moved downstairs to one of the Safe Haven adult rooms, and that's where their friendship blossomed. Having been brought into the "Boyz Only Clubhouse room" at the shelter, the two young cats evidently decided that there is strength in numbers, and they stuck together. They slept close to each other, ate together and played together. It soon became obvious that these kitties were best friends, and could not be separated.

While Bertie and Tommy's friendship was developing, a wonderful couple was struggling to overcome tragedy. They had adopted Maribel Mittens, an affectionate little tabby kitten who had been diagnosed with FeLV. Maribel had a wonderful home for the last month of her life and her grieving parents were now striving to adjust to life without her. When they were ready, they contacted PFOA for help in adopting another cat.



And then they met Bertie and Tommy.

"It seemed that it would have been unkind to separate these friends," their new mom, Janet, relates. "Although we hadn't intended to bring home more than one cat, when we saw how fondly they played together and how comfortable they were in each other's presence, we knew we had to take both."

These two cats are inseparable. Any time there is a different sound or sudden change, Bertie and Tommy are side-by-side. They find their own playthings and make up their own games. They play for hours with a paper bag or cardboard box. When Tommy had to go to the vet, Bertie was visibly upset, and gave him a thorough sniffing when he returned. Who could have imagined the bond that developed between two unrelated cats who have known each other such a short time! ❖



# Look who's been adopted!

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*In loving memory of Maribel Mittens,  
such a little kitten - such a big heart!*

-Author unknown

## Memorials and Honorariums

*Memorials given in honor of a deceased pet, in memory of a friend or family member, or Honorariums to thank special friends are a lovely way to say "Thank you" or "I love you" or "I miss you." A public statement of remembrance can help bring closure or soften grief, as well as honor a loved one.*

*Please note that there is almost a two month lag between the cutoff date for receiving memorials and honorariums and the date that Pet Tidings is published and delivered to your home. All remembrances not received by the cutoff date will be printed in the following issue.*

### Honorariums (Person)

- In honor of **Rachel Braun**. From **Charlotte Sellin**
- In honor of **Ann Gilson**. From **Thomas M. Burke**
- In honor of **Kaely Henning**. From **Nancy Pickens**
- In honor of **Haely Henning**. From **Nancy Pickens**
- In honor of our nephew **Chuck Livingston's** fifth birthday. From **Joseph and Roberta Hairfield**
- In honor of **Erika Hamerquist**, owner of 17 spayed ferals! From **Marion Burns**
- In honor of **Tina Berkey's** birthday. From her mom, **Janet Reichl**
- In honor of my birthday. From **Tina Berkey**

### Honorarium (Pet)

- In honor of our 2 year anniversary with **Reggie & Tex** (aka Kenny & Benny). From **Dianne and Dan Whitaker**
- In honor of **Mr. Perkins and Hudson**, two wonderful pets and their forever home with Dani and Danette Grady. From **Connie Rene Smith**
- In honor of my beautiful orange tabby, **Quincy**. We are best of friends and he is spoiled rotten. Just know he is a happy kitty. Quincy's Mom, **Shirley LeBrun**
- In honor of **Snooki**. From **Terry Mathews**
- In honor of **Wolfgang and Leopold's** fifth birthday – a celebration gift to our friends at PFOA. From **Marilyn and Wayne Eveland**
- In honor of our **Little Bit**. From **Wally and Werna Kohl**
- In honor of **Morris** (the cat). From **Louise and Jerry Holmes**
- In honor of our **Portie's** birthday. From **Dianne and Dan Whitaker**
- In honor of **Maggie and Lizzie**. From **Jacquelyn Faucette**
- In honor of **Deuce**, my special big dog. From **Peg and Joy Diewald**
- In honor of my pets, **Teddy, Cassie and Heidi**. From **Joanne Eagan**

### In Memory of Special People

- In memory of **Adelia Cherry**. From **Ann Cherry**
- In memory of **Gene McAdoo, Duane Bruce and Virgie Bryner**. From **Bonnie McAdoo**
- In memory of **Martha Carle**. From **Jane Olson**

- In memory of our daughter, **Susan Mitchell**. From **John and Betty Anderson**
- In memory of my Mom, **Patricia**. From **Allan and Marie-Claire Bernards**
- In memory of **Martha Carle**. From **Faye Hayden**
- In memory of **Inez Cowan**. From **Shadow (and April Bellerud)**
- In memory of **Inez Cowan**. From **Shadow (and Kristine Bellerud)**
- In memory of **Marian Miller**. From **Nancy and Dennis Harkins**

### In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of my **Noca-Kitty**. From **Pat Milliren**
- In memory of Linda Nielsen's longtime companion, **Maggie**. From **Mike and Carol Howard**
- In memory of my **Callie**. From **Christine Spitz**
- In memory of Dr. John Zey's dog, **Egor**. From **Mark D. McCormick**
- In memory of Gary Noyes and Marilyn Ash's sweet calico, **Nutmeg**. From **Gerald and Charlotte Pierce**
- In memory of my **Maggie**. From **Joyce Stivers**
- In memory of my cat, **Tippy**. From **Bruce Johnson**
- In memory of sweet, talkative **Jere**, longtime feline companion of Judith Hatch and Martin Ralls. From **"Uncle" Gary**
- In loving memory of my sweet and gentle **Cissy's** 18-year life, which ended peacefully on a sunny May day when she joined her "sisters" Mopsy, Abby and Annie in Paradise, where they wait hopefully for me. From **Ann Gilson**
- In memory of **Calvin**, John Nance's 20 year old orange tabby. A treasured pal who will be missed by all who met him. From **Karen Groves**
- In memory of **Cookie**, the beloved dog of Ms. Sheila Everett. From **Barry and Paulie Mills**
- In memory of Karen Groves' feline family member, **Rocky**, a cat who never met another cat he didn't consider his friend. From **Gary DelMastro**
- In memory of **Ms. Cookie Everett**, beloved dog of the Everett family. From **Judith Leconte**
- In memory of Karen Groves' cat, **Rocky**. From **Jim and Joanna Groves**
- In memory of **Huey**, Charle and Larry Crocker-Gehrts' loving friend and companion. From **Mickie Vail**
- In memory of my Dobe, **Miya**. From **Marie McCooley**
- In memory of our **Heidi**. From **Ken and Kristin Phillips**
- In memory of Karen Groves' beloved **Rocky**, whom she recently lost. Furry friend extraordinaire. From **Patsy and Jigs (formerly "Luther")**
- In memory of **Hemi**, big, handsome teddy bear of a black cat who adopted and guarded Jenifer Groves and Harold Adkins and his "grandparents." You are missed, precious boy. From **Karen Groves**
- In memory of our beloved **Paddywack**, who crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on February 24th. He held our hearts in his paws, and we miss him beyond belief. From **Mary and Rishard Gorczewski**



## Memorials and Honorariums

■ In memory of our **Kona**. From **Gary and Wendy Taibbi**

■ In memory of **all of our cats**. From **Donald and Bertha Gerber**

■ In memory of **Jackie**, the Jack Russell whose person died and PFOA stepped up to the plate. From **Marion Burns**

■ In memory of **Rocky**, precious 13 year old gray and black tabby. He was the man of the house, our guy. You will be missed, sweet boy. From **Sunny, Emmy, Spumoni and Karen Groves**

■ In memory and honor of my pets, **David, Missy and Amber**. From **Muriel Kierch**

■ In memory of Betsy Huffnagel's cat, **Scooter**. From **Gail Kramer**

■ In memory of our dear **Trixie**, and in honor of her many caretakers. Her gentle spirit taught us about the nobility of cats and the possibilities for joy even after the darkest of times. Thank you! From **Catherine White**

■ In memory of my **Sam**. Thank you for all you do, and your newsletter always brings a chuckle or two and tears. Keep up the good work. With respect and love, **Patricia Carlson**

■ In memory of my dog, **Heidi**. From **Maureen Huff**

■ In memory of Marie McCooley's Dobe, **Miya**, who wasn't with her nearly long enough. From **Faye Hayden**

■ In honor of **Sally Mae and Tiger**. From **Don and Sylvia White**

■ In memory of **my pet**. From **Laurie Westlake**

■ In memory of "**Mac**", sweet Sheltie of Claire and Don Hatler. From **Mickie Vail**

■ In memory of **Spirit**, who adopted Loretta Flanders and Dick Hahn in Alaska. From **Betty Gordon and Michael Moss**

■ In memory of Ann Gilson's sweet kitty, **Cissy**. 18 years is never enough! From **Marilyn Ash and Gary Noyes**

■ In memory of **Maggie**, Linda Nielsen's beautiful yellow Lab. You are so missed, Maggie. From **Marilyn Ash and Gary Noyes**

■ In memory of **B.C.**, our beloved Border Collie. From **Lucille and Jess Goodman**



## Sister Love

*By Ozzie*

night to eat and drink just enough to live. One day, my people came home with this tiny bundle of fur [Moxie] that did not smell right at all!! I wouldn't even investigate the carrier she arrived in, I just knew. When they let her out, she dashed to me right away. No matter how much I hissed, growled or batted at her she just wouldn't go away. My people were always there to make sure I didn't chew her tiny head off and believe me, I considered it! They would pet me to assure me that I was still loved and then love on her!!

Of all the nerve! She came home with the attitude that she owned the place. That is how she got her new name, Tesla. She's kind of electric. She was supposed to lay low due to her recent surgery but would not. In fact she got into trouble because of it and

had to go to the vet! I understand you know all about that.

I wanted to let you know that with her unrelenting persistence, she won me over. I didn't think I would ever cuddle with another living being again (including my people) but I started to think Tess was alright. In fact I even let her lick me from time to time. She brought me back from the brink and people mamma and papa are so very grateful. They tell me this from time to time.

I will never forget the love I shared with my sis but I've come to love chasing and being chased by my new sis. She's not so tiny any more, nearly full grown and she still thinks she owns the house and everything in it. If she wasn't so darn sweet and affectionate, her attitude would be hard to take. After all I was here first! ♣

I am Ozzie, the orange tabby. Last summer I lost my beloved sister. She was only 5 years old. Our family lost her waaay too soon. The only life I remembered was her at my side. She used to lick me before we napped just like our mamma did.

In spite of the love and encouragement I received from my people parents, I was losing ground fast. I retreated from everything, getting out of my bed only at

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