



Purr-fect Companions Sanctuary

A 501(c)3 non-profit no-kill, cage-free feline shelter in Cleveland, OH

December 2023



A Note from the Director

2023 is coming to a welcome close. We have had a few bad years in the past, but nothing prepared me for the financial disaster that occurred this year. To say it's been devastating is an understatement. The shelter and I are in a severe financial crisis and are desperate for donations to care for the remaining cats.

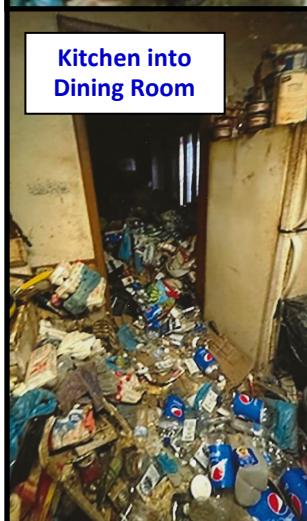
Earlier this year, our (then current) resident caretaker, Judy, finally vacated the upstairs suite, and we were shocked to find it completely uninhabitable. What met us was nearly impassable rooms with piles of trash and garbage, some almost five feet high! The bathroom was completely unrecognizable and unusable, with the toilet and bathtub hidden under mounds of garbage. The task in cleaning this up was beyond our ability, so we had to hire a clean-out and restoration company to do the work. It required months of Haz-Mat suits and dumpsters followed by extensive repairs to make the space livable. There was no money in the shelter account, which was virtually empty, to cover the tens of thousands of dollars needed to complete the

work, so I had to use half of my personal savings to pay for this. In addition, two of our resident cats required emergency veterinary care that totaled thousands of dollars. Unfortunately, both cats passed anyway soon after being treated. If it weren't for two GoFundMe fundraisers and a local restaurant fundraiser, along with the few donations that come in monthly, we would have had to close our doors months ago.

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Kitchen



Kitchen into Dining Room



Typical Piles of Trash & Garbage Throughout



Bathtub Underneath the Garbage



Bathroom before Cleaning — Toilet is Hidden

We desperately need scoopable litter and dry cat food. Pick up of your donations is available.

I have scaled down PCS services over the past couple of years, and our mission has changed from being an adoption center to a “true” sanctuary. Our current 20 residents may likely never be adopted and are dependent on me and the volunteers to keep them safe and secure. Although they are healthy and many would make a great pet, they have issues that most adopters tend to avoid. Several are feline leukemia positive (no extra care is needed), some are over 10 years old and those under six are timid with strangers and hide when visitors arrive. Plus, most of our cats are male, and there are three feral sisters. Even if some of these cats were adopted, which we would still like to see happen, it would not ease our financial burden overall.

To my regular donors, I am eternally grateful for your continued support. I can’t thank you enough for your ongoing loyalty and donations that have pulled us through some tight spots. I would also like to thank our volunteers who have helped out tremendously this past year despite all of the problems we encountered.

During this holiday season of giving, I am praying that our plea for help reaches the hearts and generosity of the public and fellow pet lovers. Please spread our situation to colleagues, family and friends to consider making a donation to PCS; we desperately need an influx of cash and more regular devoted volunteers. The thought of having to close and abandon our cats to an unknown future breaks my heart and makes me sick with fear and guilt. As it stands now, the future of Purr-fect Companions Sanctuary is truly uncertain.

May you all have a safe and happy holiday season, with hopes for a brighter and healthier new year.

Ann



ADOPTIONS



Four cats were adopted into loving homes in **2023**.



Majic

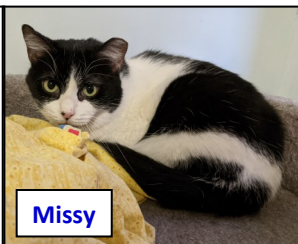
Majic was abandoned by his owner and found wandering, but he was rescued by a neighbor who contacted us. But this person was able to find Majic a home on her own! Someone who recently lost his 12 year old cat adopted Majic, and he is now running his daily marathons in his new home.



Newton

After his “dad” passed away and without anyone else to take him in, Newton found a terrific home that included a dog. The two are best friends and wore matching Halloween costumes.

Although Missy was a shy cat, her adopter was willing to give her all the time she needed to adjust and be comfortable with a recently adopted cat from another shelter. Both are doing well.



Missy

A caring woman was looking for a senior cat and gave Red a home away from the harassment he was receiving from others cats at the shelter. He has settled in perfectly.



Red



These wonderful cats were adopted in **2022**.

Bug



Eva



Meowsa



Yanni

Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) Cats: The Facts



The Animal Humane Society (AHS) states "Cats with FeLV have just as much love to give as any other cat. Because FeLV is contagious to other cats (not humans, dogs or other animals), these cats should go to homes where they'll be the only cat or to a home that already has an FeLV cat." Many cats with FeLV have a good quality of life and can live years in good health if the virus and their symptoms are managed well. While it's important to consider the possible challenges that FeLV can bring, potential adopters should consider giving these kitties a chance for finding a new forever home.

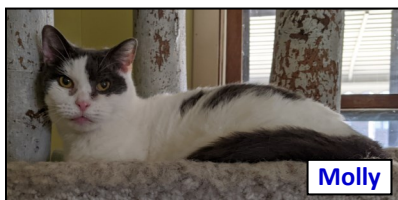


SAD FAREWELLS



2022 and 2023

We said goodbye to these beautiful cats over the last two years.
They are now with other PCS friends who have gone on before them.



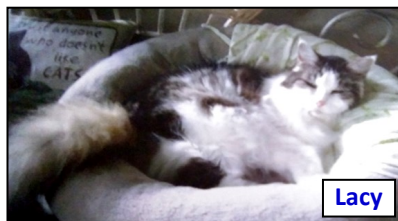
Molly

Molly spent her entire 14 years at PCS starting out with her mom Rosie. She was a very shy cat who preferred feline company to humans. She had many close friends here at the shelter throughout her life.



Savannah

Savannah and her three kittens came from down the street in 2012. Once her boys were gone, she became a surrogate mom to two young brothers. She preferred a life of mothering and checking out the neighborhood from the porch in warm weather.



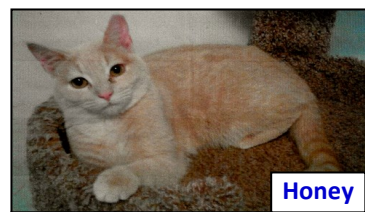
Lacy

Lacy was the love of Ann's life for almost 21 years and graced her home with her beauty and sweet personality. However, developing diabetes this year became a struggle she could not overcome, and she left this world for her next adventure.



Hazel

Found alone in Holy Cross Cemetery two years ago, Ann took Hazel in because there was no room at PCS. She had a very impressive purr that was heard throughout the house. Although shy and dealing with a heart condition, she was comfortable and loved until she passed away.



Honey

Honey also spent most of her life (6 years) at PCS. Although sweet and beautiful, she was a loner and even shied away from her other family members who were surrendered with her. She was comfortable living at PCS and had no desire to go to any other home.

Maggie



Maggie lost her home when her "mom" died and,

at 20 years of age, was quite fragile. Again, with no room at PCS, Ann took her in and she became a companion for Hazel. Due to her age and condition, her passing was not a surprise. She knew she was loved and is now with her forever "mom."

PICTURES AND INFORMATION ON OUR ADOPTABLE CATS ARE AVAILABLE
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