



shelter mews

The Charm of Big Feet

Count your kitty's toes. The average cat has a total of 18, five toes on each front paw and four on each rear paw. Some polydactyl (having more than the normal number of digits or toes) cats have mittens, like our office assistant Oreo. "Mitten paws" occur when extra toes are attached to the medial side of the front paws giving the cat a thumb-like appearance. Cats that have multiple toes that aren't "mitten paws" just appear to have big feet, which are sometimes called "snowshoe paws" or "pancake feet".



Unlike most mutations, extra toes don't bother a cat and can be an asset which causes cat lovers to fall for them. Some cats may have as many as eight toes on any given paw. Jake, a Canadian polydactyl cat with 28 toes, was recognized by Guinness Records as having the largest number of toes on a cat.

Polydactylism can affect any animal with toes, but the genetic anomaly is relatively common in domestic cats. The trait is often found in western England and Wales as well as eastern Canada and the United States. The fact that populations of polydactyl cats are so widespread could be due to the cats' popularity on ships. Sailors believed many-toed cats were

good luck and often brought them onto their boats as mousers where they were preferred for their superior sense of balance on the high seas.

In the 1930's a sea captain named Stanley Dexter gave Ernest Hemingway a white six-toed kitten which he named Snow White. Today, there are 40 to 50 polydactyl cats that live at the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum in Key West, Florida, some of which are decedents of Snow White. Another famous polydactyl was a cat named Slippers owned by President Theodore Roosevelt. The Roosevelts were known to have a veritable zoo in the White House and Slippers was not the only cat.



Ernest Hemingway's children, Gregory & Patrick with Snow White

It is thought that Maine Coons may have been predisposed to polydactylism as the extra toes made their feet look wide like snowshoes, enabling them to travel on top of snow. These days the condition is pretty evenly spread across breeds.

Keeping your pet's nails trimmed is always important, but it becomes even more crucial on polydactyl animals. Depending on the placement of the toes, the nails may wear down with the usual daily activities, and left to grow too long

may become embedded in the foot or pad. Be aware of which direction the nails grow and keep them trimmed as necessary.



Sharing Their Blessings

Kim Smith, CE Chairman of the First Congregational Church in Littleton delivered, along with her two boys Curran and Brayden, donations from the congregation. They held a "Mardi Paws" celebration for the Lenten season and instead of fasting, did random acts of kindness...they wanted to share their blessings. "We love all that you and your organization do for the needy cats and for the community."





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OUR MISSION

To provide homeless animals with a second chance at life and companionship in a no-kill shelter.

Our organization goes beyond shelter walls and is committed to:

- 1) Positive people and animal relationships and placements
- 2) Offering affordable spay, neuter and vaccination clinics
- 3) Cooperative rescue efforts
- 4) Animal welfare education

Second Chance Animal Rescue is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. SCAR receives no federal, state or local tax money; or portions of donations made to national humane organizations.



The Scoop



Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinics

Call us at 603-259-3244 to schedule your cat or dog
April 17, May 15, June 26,
July 17, Aug 21, Sept 18, Oct 16

2017 Low Cost Shot Clinics

Saturday, April 22
Lisbon Town Hall, 10am-noon
Bethlehem Fire Department, 1:30-3:30pm
Saturday, April 29
Second Chance Shelter 1:30-3:30pm
Saturday, October 7
Second Chance Shelter 1:30-3:30pm

Dining for a Cause

Wednesday, June ? 5:00 - 8:00 pm
99 Restaurant, Meadow St, Littleton
99 Restaurant will donate 15% of your total bill to SCAR

3rd Annual Tony Ilacqua Chicken BBQ

Saturday, July 22 5:00 - 7:00 pm
VFW Pavilion, Littleton

Annual Gigantic Tent Sale

Saturday, August 12 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Behind Sears, Meadow Street, Littleton

Bibi



Hi. My name is Bibi which means "lady" in Persian. I am a lady but not a Persian, even though I'm told I'm just as cute as one. Could be because of my left ear, which is kinda crinkly and flopped

over. I'm not sure when or how it happened but I think it was from an ear mite infestation. Sometimes I just tell people I got it during my boxing career!

I'm a four-year-old black and white domestic short hair who, along with my friend, got left behind in an apartment where we had been living. My friend found a home but I was brought to Second Chance. I quickly realized how lucky I was to have been rescued, and I am very vocal and affectionate with everyone to show them how happy I am to be here. That being said, I would love to find my true and forever home where I can wrap my new family around my paw just like I've done with the staff and volunteers here.

Please stop by the shelter so we can meet and spend some time together. I've got a great story to share with you about the time I beat Muhammad Ali . . .

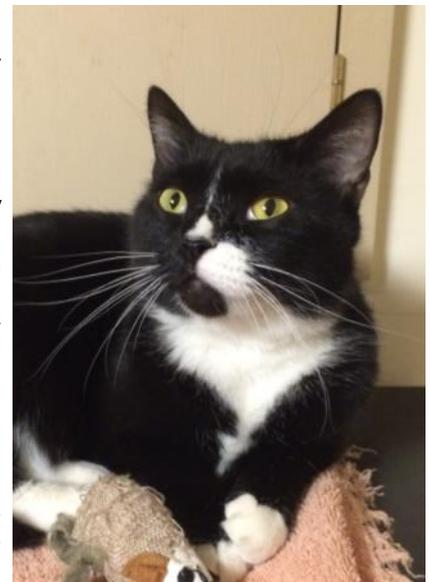
Homer's Homilies

You can keep your cat from having a "bad hair day" with regular brushing or combing. Cats have many types of fur but they all need a little help with their grooming.

Regular sessions with a brush or comb will help keep your pet's fur in good condition—by removing dander and keeping it clean, preventing tangles and mats, and also spreading beneficial, natural oils throughout their coat. If your cat has short hair, you only need to brush it once a week. For those sporting a longer coat, it would probably be a good idea to brush him every day.

Less is more when introducing a cat or kitten to grooming. If your kitty only tolerates brushing for a minute, great! Brush him for a minute, feed him a treat and then let him relax for a little while. Gradually you can increase your cat's tolerance for grooming once you respect his boundaries.

A cat's fur is entirely different from human hair. It has different layers that are responsible for your pet's comfort and temperature control. Treat your kitty like a CEO: Cat Extra-Ordinaire. Your cat has been loyal and has bonded with you; now is the time to increase his daily dose of pampering. He'll look and feel like the cat's meow after a good grooming session. 🐾



Empty Nester

Chili was a single mom in distress when she was found and rescued on a country road by a kind and compassionate person. The little family, consisting of mom and four adorable orange kittens,



was brought to Second Chance. Chili was a devoted mother, and her babies thrived. The kittens were all adopted as soon as they were old enough to leave their mother's care.

Chili, a gorgeous long-haired torti, is now about two years old. She is naturally sweet and affectionate and is good at entertaining herself. One of her favorite pastimes is to lie on top of the cat tree and watch the birds. A bit of a loner, we think Chili would do best in a home by herself.

Please stop by and meet Chili. We're sure you'll be captivated by her outer beauty and pleasing personality and will want to make her part of your own little (or big) family!

Full Heart

Our every day actions, no matter how small, can have a huge impact on the world around us. We needed help and Margaret Record showed up. Margaret was born and raised in Gilead, Maine, a small hamlet on the New Hampshire border. She was the sixth in a family of ten—five girls and five boys. As part of a large family, she was either taking care of siblings or helping with the endless list of chores that needed to be done.



Fast forward to the summer of 1968 when a new forest ranger moved to town. Who would have thought a simple "hello" could have changed her life. Before she knew it, a ring was on her finger and she had a new last name. Soon Margaret and her new husband were embarking on a series of job assignments for the U.S. Forest Service, which took them from Bethel, Maine to Sitka, Alaska, and finally to Harrisville, Michigan on the shores of Lake Huron.

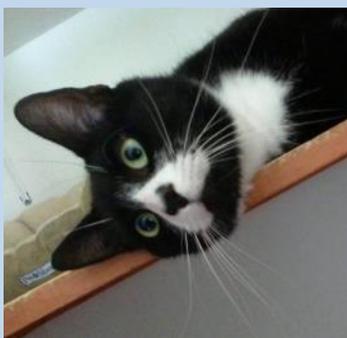
As a mother of four children, she overcame all sorts of obstacles throughout their travels. Perhaps that enabled her to find great joy in being an advocate for the children she met as an aide in the schools where she worked crisscrossing the country.

There's an old saying about how a faithful four-legged friend is the medicine of life. Indeed, animals were always a mainstay for Margaret and her family no matter where they called home. We're convinced that this is what made her such a compassionate volunteer for our shelter.

Now that the Record family has settled at last in the North Country, we were eager to know if Margaret, after many years of preparing meals for senior citizens at our local Senior Center, still had a "bucket list" of things she'd like to do. She was quick to share her desire to spend winters in Florida near family members. Being an avid reader, she also has a long list of books she'd like to read. And nothing makes this grandmother happier than sewing and knitting for her grandchildren while cheering on her beloved New England Patriots.

To the extent that we give to others, the universe responds in kind. We envision many happy days ahead for this awesome volunteer who has given so freely of herself. Thank you Peggy for making a difference in the lives of the animals that have been entrusted to our care.

Cat Tails: Jameson



"Jameson is an absolute pleasure, I never knew I'd be able to love so much so fast. All in all, getting to know him has been so exciting. Being a cat dad has really been so worth the time and care it takes. I look forward to our future adventures together. Anyway, I just wanted to say thank you. You helped me pick out the perfect little companion, and I'm so grateful for that. Second Chance will definitely stay in my heart wherever I go. Ryan R."

Cat Tails: Tinsel

"Hi! I was in on Saturday with my 2 daughters and we adopted Tinsel. We have renamed her Willow and she is doing great! She loves to chase the laser light, loves snuggling on our laps, and has the loudest purr I've ever heard! She will rub up against our leg to let us know she wants some loving...which she gets plenty of. Thanks to all of you! Debbie B."



Cat Tails: Simba

"Just wanted to let you know how much we love Simba! We renamed him Tango, and he is an absolute love! His favorite spot in the house is in the kitty toy basket next to the woodstove. He is so gentle and loving...the perfect addition to our family. Thank you so much for all you do!! Meglyn L."





Wish List

Postage Stamps
Gift Cards
Purina Cat &
Kitten Chow
White Unscented
Clay Cat Litter
Copy Paper
Paper Towels

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

You Can Help

We know that you're swamped with requests for donations. While we all support the big national organizations that help animals, we ask that you first consider giving to your local shelter. We are all volunteer with no paid staff, so 100% of your donation goes directly for the care of the animals. You can visit us any day and see your gift at work giving the abandoned and abused a "Second Chance"!

MONETARY DONATIONS

SCAR relies entirely on private donations to be able to fund our adoption program through our Shelter, offer spay and neuter clinics, and other programs for the community. Please mail your check today, large or small. You can also donate securely online at www.secondchancear.org.

VOLUNTEER

SCAR is a 100% volunteer maintained organization, and you can join us and help the cats and kittens who can't do for themselves. Fill out a Volunteer Application today.

FOSTER

Can you open your home occasionally to house a mom and her kittens until they're old enough to be adopted, or house a needy cat on a short term basis when the shelter is full? Call the shelter for more information.

ESTATE GIFTS

Include SCAR in your will, trust or with a beneficiary designation.

GIFT OF STOCK & ANNUITIES

Stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares and other securities, along with transferring of real estate offer alternative ways to give that can benefit both you and SCAR.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

Tribute gifts can be made in memory of, or in honor of, a pet or loved one. A card will be sent upon request.

WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS

Many workplaces coordinate charitable giving campaigns for their employees. These campaigns allow employees to donate through one-time gifts and regular payroll deductions.

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

There are many ways for your company to increase its visibility in the community and build positive brand presences while helping Second Chance.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Help keep our supply closet stocked up year round. See our wish list at www.secondchancear.org

EBAY SELLABLES

Donate jewelry, antiques, autos and other estate valuables year-round and we'll sell them on EBay. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

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