



## CRAN Cat Tales Third Quarter 2021

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### Cat Stats

Our 3rd Quarter Stats are in! Helping these cats is only possible due to your support. Thank you!



### Forever Tales



## Martha

Martha was found in a sludge lagoon. She was extremely underweight when found. Attempts to find her owners were unsuccessful, so she was made available for adoption. She found a wonderful home with Elliot and Jen.

"Hello, We are Elliot and Jen! Martha (formerly Sister Sludge) has been the absolute perfect first cat. She warmed up to us and her new home very quickly- we adopted her in September and she was sleeping in our bed by October. Martha loves the laser pointer, chirping at birds through the window, and playing with wool socks. She is happy to meow to let you know when you're sleeping past breakfast time, or when you're up too late at night.

Martha has been a wonderful addition to our small family. We recently adopted Barry, a spunky, young fluffy boy, so she could have a companion of her own, and someone to groom the spot below her chin she can never seem to reach. While she was initially hesitant to having a baby brother, they are now perfect siblings. Lots of playing followed by cuddles and naps."

## Tobin and Poppet

Tobin and Poppet are a super sweet, mischievous, bonded-pair. They adore each other and are partners in crime. Svelte Poppet is an avid hunter of socks, feathers and shoe strings. After a successful hunt, she loves jumping into in a blanket-clad lap and systematically squirming around to ensure every inch of her receives pets. Her brother Tobin is like a bumbly teddy bear that has come to life. He is very people-oriented, following them wherever they go and doing whatever he can to ensure his involvement. If both of his people are sitting on the same couch, he switches back and forth between the two laps in order to ensure everyone receives his coveted affection. Tobin and Poppet have brought so much joy, laughter and love into our home. Our family is whole.

## Help Wanted!



■ **CRAN** can't help cats without volunteers. We have all kinds of volunteer opportunities including working in fundraising, cat care, medical, transport, marketing, social media, and data entry to name just a few. We are looking for people of all different skill and interest levels. We would love to have you on our team!

**Program Coordinators:** Do you like organizing and helping things to run smoothly? CRAN is in need of Coordinators for several of our programs including our TLC building where we have our ringworm treatment program, do intake and provide medical care like vaccines and deworming. We also need coordinators for both of our PetSmart catteries in preparation of re-opening.

**Trappers:** We can't keep up with all the requests for assistance with feral cats. We trap feral cats and get them fixed and vaccinated. Adoptable cats and kittens enter our program and the true feral cats are returned to their territory with a colony caregiver. Can you help? This program is vital to decrease the number of homeless cats in Lane County. No experience necessary or equipment needed. We will provide training and equipment.

**Fosters:** We are limited in how many cats we can help by how many foster homes we have available. We are having to turn away cats in need as we just don't have enough foster homes. Do you love cats and have a quiet room or bathroom a cat or kitten could hang out in while they get ready for adoption? All cats have different needs. Some might need medications, some need time and space to grieve, some need to learn to trust people and some just need a place to stay while they wait for their forever home. You let us know what you are comfortable with and we provide all supplies. [Fill out a volunteer application \(click here\)](#)



## A Tribute to Merlot



It is with great sadness that we let everyone know that Princess Merlot passed away on Saturday, 8/21/21. She had come down with aspiration

pneumonia earlier in the week and had been hospitalized. After more imaging, it was determined Merlot had other underlying issues besides the megaesophagus. She could not keep anything down without immediately vomiting. After two separate meetings with her team and a surgeon, we knew we had done everything we could for her. Her body just couldn't keep fighting. She passed away peacefully in my arms as we cuddled like we did 6-8 times a day for the last few months.

Merlot was truly one of a kind and had so many vets and specialists stumped. The cat community loved her as if she was one of their own. She received handmade sweaters the same day we asked for help with keeping her warm and continued to get sweaters for weeks. We asked for donations so we could continue to provide her medical help and everyone donated. Merlot was truly loved by so many people and I made sure to let her know that.

Even in death, Merlot still wants to be loving and to help others. They will be examining her little body in hopes we can learn more about her condition and help future cats. We will dedicate her room to help other special needs cats in her honor. She was a special cat that I said I wouldn't fall in love with when I went to go pick her up that Sunday afternoon. Little did I know, she would have my heart by that night. It was impossible not to love her.

CRAN's mission statement is:

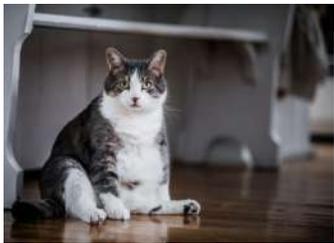
Our mission is to provide care and find loving homes for the cats and kittens of our community, with a focus on those with special needs.

Every vet we saw made it clear, this girl was lucky to have landed in CRAN's care. This organization and our community gave her the best chance and best life for her 11 short months. Yes, our hearts are broken, but help us honor her memory by signing up to foster, adopting, or donating so we can help other cats like her.

With much love, Merlot's foster mom

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## Is Your Cat Fat? October 13th is Pet Obesity Awareness Day



*Taken from the Cornell Feline Health Center*  
Feline obesity—generally viewed as body weight that is 20 percent or more above normal weight—is the most frequently observed nutritional disorder among domestic cats. Its clinical signs are clearly apparent and, when observed, should be taken seriously and addressed without delay.

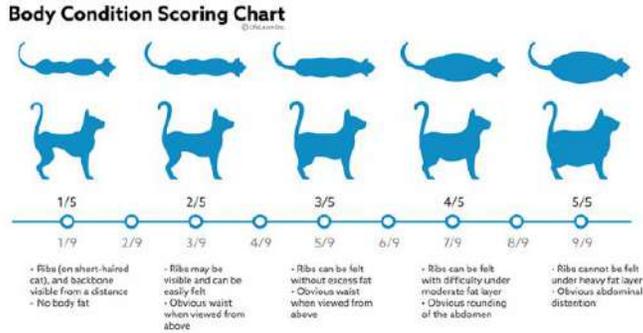
■ In itself, obesity will certainly inhibit a cat's normal penchant for physical activity and surely compromise its quality of life. Significant overweight can also exacerbate several serious disorders. Among the conditions potentially aggravated by obesity are osteoarthritis, hip dysplasia, and diabetes mellitus. Cardiovascular health can also be impaired by obesity, since excessive weight places an extra burden on a cat's heart and vascular system.

To assess the weight status of a cat, some veterinarians may use a nine-point scoring system, with score of 4.5 to 5 points indicating that an animal is at its ideal weight. A score of 9 would mean that a cat is grossly obese, while an emaciated, severely underweight cat would have a score of 1. Any cat that has a score above 6.5 or 7 would be classified as overweight, and a score of 8 or above would mean that the animal is severely overweight or obese.

An owner can also assess ■  
a cat's physique by using  
a "Body Condition Score"  
chart.

According to Dr.  
McDaniel, a major factor  
responsible for feline  
obesity is the practice of  
"free feeding," in which a

bowl of dry food is available for consumption by a cat throughout the day. Accordingly, she says: "Use canned food, which typically has a higher protein and lower carbohydrate content than kibbles. Since canned food is 90 percent water, this will also



increase the cat's fluid intake." In addition, she points out, the use of canned food encourages "feeding meals" rather than allowing the animal to consume excessive amounts of dry food that is made constantly available. "We should be feeding meals to our cats—not allowing them to eat whenever they want to," she advises. "There should be a distinct meal time, and the owner should be in control of it."

Any feline weight-reduction program should be carried out under the direction of a veterinarian, Dr. McDaniel advises. "A cat that is put on a sudden starvation diet," she warns, "is at risk of developing a serious health problem, such as hepatic lipidosis. What you want to aim for is a gradual weight loss, perhaps one or two percent loss of body weight per week. I always recommend that an owner of a chubby cat purchase a baby scale in order to monitor a cat's weight at home. Gradual is the way to go!"

## Special Kitty Corner



### Lanegan

Lanegan has yet to meet a cat, dog, kid or person he doesn't love. He is extremely affectionate and just wants to cuddle around your neck while you watch TV. He loves running on the cat wheel almost as much as he loves hunting cat toys. Lanegan's foster mom reports that he is one of the most social animals she has ever met! Lanegan does have special needs. He has colon issues that make it hard for him to have a bowel movement without a bit of help. He's been seen by a specialist, and now has a perfect medicine regimen to address his issues. Lanegan will need to remain on the medications, or a combination of them for his whole life.

On his medicine, he is stable and doesn't have any litter box issues. Lanegan currently takes medications, liquid and powder, four separate times a day, 7:00 am, 2:30 pm, 8:00 pm, and 10:00 pm. Currently, he will need to be on this medication regime life long. He takes the liquid medication without issue and the powder is mixed in a yummy treat that he eats up! His perfect home will need humans who keep an eye on his output as he could become constipated and will require immediate vet intervention. Due

to needing to keep an eye on his output, a home where there is just one cat or dogs only would be best so it can be easy to distinguish between his output and the other cats. He currently has his own room and is only released into the rest of the house once he has defecated in the morning. Lanegan is a happy, healthy, and perfect little kitty whose colon just doesn't cooperate without a little bit of help. His loving personality makes it all worthwhile! He attaches to his human and just wants to give hugs and purrs non-stop.

For more information on Lanegan: go to our website:

[Available Cats](#)

## National Adoption Week is November 8 - 14th



Did you know that every 38 seconds a pet is adopted somewhere at a PetSmart store?



If you have room in your heart & home to #adoptlove, give a pet in need the loving home they deserve. Cats & kittens across the country eagerly await to meet pet lovers just like you. Meet your feline bestie online at [www.catrescues.org](http://www.catrescues.org) during National Adoption Week, November 8-14 (or anytime 24/7). CRAN will have kitties at the Petsmart at 2858 Willamette Street in Eugene on Saturday, November 13th and Sunday, November 14th from 11:30 to 5:00. Stop by and say "hi" and talk with the CRAN volunteers and get some kitten-love. Or tell your friend/friends who are looking for love to go find it at a PetSmart Charities adoption center.

## 2022 Calendar Contest Results

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 2022 Calendar Contest even more successful than last year's! We had 58 amazing cats entered into our contest and raised \$18,835 (CRAN gets all proceeds after the calendars are printed and mailed)! Our grand prize winner was Merlot, Rio came in second and Rocky, third. All cats entered in the contest will be featured in the calendar this year.



## Amazon Baby Shower Ends November 1st.

■ Sadly kitten season is not so much a season anymore. In October we have already taken in 2 pregnant cats, a litter of orphaned bottle babies as well as other kittens. We still really need the supplies in our baby shower. It ends November

1st. [Amazon Kitten Shower \(click here\)](#)



## 3rd Quarter Adoptions



## Microchip helps Meon find his family

Meon's adventure began in 2009 at a Greenhill Humane Society adoption event. Meon was inside the shy kitty room and as Shana walked in he came out to greet her. It was love at first sight, between this girl and the handsome three year old affectionate male whose purring could be heard across the room.

At the time Meon was microchipped and Shana transferred the contact information to her own. She had never microchipped a pet before and was not aware at the time how important this would become. After graduating from college in 2013, Shana found employment in Asia and was unable to bring Meon along. Shana left Meon in the care of a woman who assured her she would take good care of him. Sadly, five years later he was found homeless, very sick and starving. Meon was trapped and brought into Cat Rescue and Adoption Network and it was found that he was microchipped. Meon's new owner had never updated his microchip information so Shana was still the contact. After a bit of detective work,



Shana was contacted through social media since her phone number was no longer active. Shana contacted her parents and informed them about Meon's situation. They flew up to Eugene immediately and brought Meon home to Southern California to love and spoil him as he deserved. Now Meon spends his days soaking up the sun, eating his favorite treats and feeling loved everyday now that he has been reunited with family all thanks to his microchip and some caring people.

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## Looking for Forever Together - Judy and Sammy



JUDY (gray tabby) and SAMMY (black & white) are a mother and son pair whose bond can't be broken. Judy

is about 2 years old and Sammy is about 1. Even though they are shy at first, once acclimated they are loving and affectionate - purring, following you around, and curling up next to you. They'll do best in a quiet home with cat-savvy people (they can also adjust to other mellow pets). They are altered, vaccinated, microchipped, negative for FIV & Felv, in excellent health, and come with a gift certificate to Wags Dog & Cat Emporium. To meet Judy & Sammy, call 541-225-4955 option 1, or [click to see Judy and Sammy as well as our other available cats.](#)



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## Ways to help CRAN

Donate directly at [CatRescues.org/donate](https://CatRescues.org/donate)

### Support cats while you shop!

**AmazonSmile** – 0.5% of your eligible purchases can be donated to help the cats when you choose Cat Rescue and Adoption Network as your charity [Use Smile.Amazon.com](https://UseSmile.Amazon.com)

**Amazon Baby Shower** - Help CRAN by purchasing much needed supplies to help us care for all of the kittens in our program. You can purchase items from our list and Amazon will ship them to us. To get to our shower: [Kitten Shower](#) or you can also log-in to Amazon and click on Baby Registry and search for us: Cat Rescue and Adoption Network. Ends for this year on 11/1.

**BottleDrop** – Pick up a stickered bag and fill it with your bottles and cans (can be co-mingled) and drop it off at either of the Bottle Drop stations in Springfield or Eugene. CRAN will receive credit for your donation. Bags can be found on the CRAN carts (by the catteries) at PetSmart, Wags! Dog Emporium, Hometown Pets in Springfield, or your friendly CRAN volunteer.

[BottleDrop Give: A Great Way Oregon Nonprofits Can Fundraise](#)  
 [\(bottledropcenters.com\)](http://bottledropcenters.com)

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**Want another way to help the cats in our program? Forward this newsletter to cat lovers who aren't on our list.**

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### **Rainbow Bridge - Harley**

Harley's person died of cancer. Cats do bond to their families and when they lose them, they do grieve. Harley hid for several months. We made sure he ate and drank and used the litterbox and let him know we were there for him and waited. One day he wandered out, came to us for a pet and then started purring. It was like he had decided it was time to live again. Harley was put up for adoption. A wonderful couple from



Canby drove down to meet Harley and fell in love. Harley started the second chapter of his life with Chrissy and JR in December 2015. The following excerpts from updates from his adoptive mom tell this chapter of his life beautifully.

12/11/2015

Hi! Hearty didn't say a peep in the car - an uneventful if not long ride home. He's doing great. He has a hidey hole under the bed but appears to have spent the night on top of the bed. He ate all his food last night, drank, and used the litter box. He came out from under the bed to collect pettings this morning. JR built him a shelf under the window so he can watch the birds. He's already been eating his breakfast. More later!

1/30/2016

I was quite beside myself to see Hearty's baby picture! Thank you so much for sending it, and for the additional medical record. I will put that in his file. He is doing so well. I have attached five photographs. As you can see, he has appropriated our paperwork, tv remote, magazines, and our hearts. He sleeps at our feet every night, in his bed when we're not home, and hangs out with us when we get home. Last night he came tearing out of the hallway, skidded onto his scratch pad and made a dashing loop around the family room before making a break for the back bedroom. Hilarious! We've had him just shy of two months, and he has made such great progress.

4/15/2016

Ice cream?? He's got a sweet tooth. But otherwise he doesn't seem to care for much people food, which is good. We'll get him weighed in June, but I'll bet it's down from Dec. He even runs around some when he gets the devil in

him.

12/11/2016

Yesterday was Harley/Hearty's one-year adoption anniversary! I thought I would send you a note to let you know he is doing great. He adjusted gradually and consistently over the course of the year. It seemed like he took a giant leap forward at about 9 months. He is fully settled in now. I took him to the vet several weeks ago and his kidney function is about what it was a year ago, so it's stable. We have him on a kidney diet that he loves. He still needs to reduce a little, but the vet said she was surprised at his age because he looks/acts a lot younger. Remember how we bought him his own bed? That didn't last long. He sleeps with us and has almost from the beginning. JR rolls his eyes and gives Harley whatever he wants. He's such a good boy. We are very proud of him and love him very much. Thank you for saving Harley and for giving us a light in our lives. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

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9/14/18

I have been meaning to send you an update on Harley. I've attached a few pictures. As you can see, he is not obese anymore! He actually lost more weight than ideal so we took him in and discovered his thyroid was failing. We did the radioactive isotope treatment and he spruced right back up - he's doing great now. Remember that hairless patch on his stomach? It's completely covered in white fur now. No more obsessive grooming. He's the only cat I know who loves his tummy rubbed.

I will always be grateful to you for stepping in and offering Harley a second chance at life.

9/20/21

I think of you often and know I should have updated you but it's a hard thing to tell you. We lost Harley in May 2020 after a 7-month decline. He kept rallying but in the end, fluid kept collecting in his lungs. They thought it was his heart but then maybe cancer. We never received a conclusive diagnosis. He was 18 years, two months, and went peacefully with the kindest vet, me, and JR holding him. It was heartbreaking. He was such a good boy and we loved him so much. I've included a few pictures taken during the last year of his life. I will never forget you and the gift you gave us with Harley.

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### **Coming Soon! Watch your Mailbox**

Our End of Year Campaign Letter will be mailed out the end of November. We receive a significant amount of our funding from our Spring and End of Year Campaigns and rely on this to help the cats. Thank you all who help make these so successful!



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Do you have an Adoption Tail or Rainbow Bridge Story you would like to share or an article you'd like to see? Email [Marketing@CatRescues.org](mailto:Marketing@CatRescues.org)

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**Thank you so much for your support and enabling us to continue to help cats in need. We**



*could not do what we do without you!*