



# purrfect mews

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## CAT TALES

- In China, the appearance of a black cat predicts misery, hunger and drought.
- In the United States, dreaming of a white cat presages good fortune.
- In Great Britain, if a white cat crosses your path, bad luck will befall you.
- In Germany, a cat crossing your path from left to right is a sign of good luck.
- In Italy, if a cat sits by a sick person, the person will soon die.

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## Celebrating Amanda Zenger

Amanda decided to feature Purrfect Paws for a K-State class project. After spending several hours filming and taking pictures she loved the cats so much she decided to volunteer.



Amanda & Fiedo

One can view her class project at <http://www.youtube.com/user/purrfectpawsinc>.

The cats say Amanda can do much more than “sparkle” (camera flashes). They say Amanda has “big” thoughts and animals need to be a part of her life.

Amanda grew up with felines and

says she would go crazy without one in her life. Amanda has always had a soft spot for cats and is dedicated to whatever she chooses to do.

Amanda says volunteering is not like work. “I feel it’s an honor to spend time with the cats and I always leave each time with a sense of peace. Purrfect Paws is really a sanctuary.....probably my favorite part is sitting on the floor and waiting for whatever cat crawls in my lap first.”

Amanda is greatly appreciated at Purrfect Paws. She works independently and is very creative. She will do whatever is needed to assist the felines. The cats find her irresistible.

We’ll be envisioning a wonderful experience for Amanda as she travels to Korea at the end of September to spend a year teaching English.

“I’ve already done my research and found a cat café in Seoul where you pay a small fee and can play with cats all day!”



Amanda Playing

Much Love & Gratitude to Amanda

## Sawyer Goes “Home”

I just knew I belonged with Kate. She appreciates my love of people. When her



clients arrive you can be sure I’m the first to greet

them. Everyone adores me except sometimes Percy, also a resident cat. He just doesn’t always appreciate my playful tactics.

I’m also happy to assist Kate with Jin Shin Jyutsu ([www.jsjinc.net](http://www.jsjinc.net)) clients. I’m not so



much involved in massage.

Enticing clients and guests to play with me is so rewarding!

My life has certainly changed since choosing Kate as my forever caretaker. Aren’t we just the “purrfect” pair?

# Pet Cancer ... a "Smoking" Gun? By Jean Hofve, DVM



My given name is Cecellia. "Miss Congeniality" is what I'm working to achieve. Grouch Remedy is assisting my efforts and I can now allow other felines to pass by without growling and hissing.



Alexes

Many studies have shown that second-hand (environmental) smoke is a health hazard to humans, much less research has been done in animals. However, there are a few studies that shed light on the association between pets, disease, and living with a smoker.

Cats who live with a smoker have a much higher risk of oral squamous cell carcinoma, an invasive cancer occurring on the mucous membranes of the mouth. Having more than one smoker in the home or living with a smoker for more than five years, increased the risk even more, according to a study conducted at Tufts University. Because cats groom themselves so thoroughly it is thought that the toxins and carcinogens from smoke that settle on their fur are taken into their mouths while grooming. Over

time this can cause the nasty cancer to develop. Exposure to smoke also increases a cat's risk of malignant lymphoma. Since the lymph nodes filter the blood, inhaled or ingested toxins can build up and cause cancer. Cats living with secondhand smoke are three times more likely to develop lymphoma than other cats.

In addition to cancer, cats exposed to smoke can also develop other respiratory problems such as asthma and bronchitis.

Dogs have a higher risk of nasal sinus cancer and lung cancer when exposed to secondhand smoke. Long-nosed dogs like Collies, Borzois, and Greyhounds had the highest risk of nasal cancer, while short- and medium-nosed dogs had more lung cancer. Dogs also had a tendency to develop

allergic reactions to smoke that are similar to flea, food, and other allergies

Environmental smoke is classified as a Group A carcinogen, along with other well-known toxins such as asbestos, radon, and benzene.

If you won't quit smoking for yourself, please do it for your pets! At the very least, only smoke outdoors, or in an area away from the animals (and children) in your home.



Check out other articles at the "Little Big Cat" Web Site.

[www.littlebigcat.com](http://www.littlebigcat.com)

## Featured Spirit Essence

Spirit Essences are the first and only line of essence remedies formulated by a veterinarian and an animal behaviorist. Spirit Essences provide a safe, effective, natural way to help your animal companions lead healthier and happier lives!

These formulas are designed to heal the mental and emotional imbalances, which if left untreated, manifest in the

physical body causing specific behaviors/conditions.

"Grouch Remedy" is this month's featured Spirit Essence.

**The name "Grouch Remedy" says it all. It is for the grumpy, moody or depressed animal, just to help smooth out the edginess.**

The formulas are easy to use and can be administered topically, orally, placed in the water dish, or used as a spray in the environment.

Check out all the Spirit Essences!  
[www.spiritessence.com](http://www.spiritessence.com)  
[www.littlebigcat.com](http://www.littlebigcat.com)

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## Presenting Alexes

Alexes is quiet, independent and loving. She loves to find an empty lap on which to cuddle. She is quite the princess and will demand attention.

Born in April of 2007 this sweet girl was rescued by a couple when her sibling

was killed by a dog.

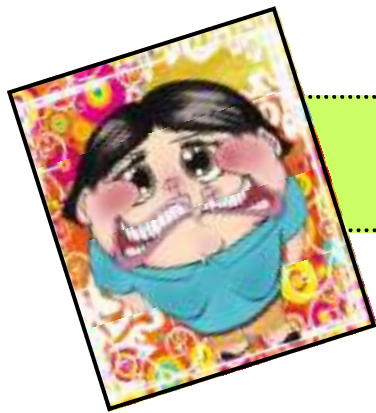
She adores attention and would do well in a quiet environment where she could bond with a single individual or a couple.

She gets along with other cats well, but is apprehensive of dogs because of her past.

Alexes is current on vaccinations and has examined by a veterinarian & tested negative for FeLV/FIV.

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# Caricatures by BeeJay



Kansas City artist **BeeJay Hawn** has been drawing the Midwest for 13 years through venues such as Worlds of Fun, birthday parties, wedding receptions,

and after proms! Speed drawing at parties and events is her specialty and gift caricatures are too much fun! She has been a member of the National Caricature Network and International Society of Caricature Artists for 3 years where she has competed for awards in exaggeration, likeness, character design, party styles, and best use of both color and black and white.

She has also attended the CCN compe-

titions for 2 years having won the 2009 best theme art award and coming close in many other categories.

BeeJay has been a volunteer and fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity, AIDS society, the MS organization, Harvesters, and many other charitable/ non profit organizations in the greater Kansas City area.

Stop by the Purrfect Paws booth at the

OZtoberFEST (Oct. 2 & 3) and grab a drawing.

All proceeds go to Purrfect Paws!



[www.oztoberfest.com](http://www.oztoberfest.com)

## K i t t e n C a b o o d l e

The collective name for a group of cats is a clowder. A group of kittens is called a kindle.



Capree

of seven irresistible little bundles of warm velvety softness born to beautiful Miranda. Three arrived late on Friday April 30th and four arrived on Saturday May 1st. One did not survive.

Miranda was barely out of kitten hood herself when she found herself a soon to be mother.

After each birth she gently licked her blind and helpless kittens clean, prompting a first breath. They immediately began to nurse each attaching to a teat to which they returned each feeding. Miranda was calm

and attentive. She trusted and knew we were there to help. She gladly accepted assistance when she could not provide enough milk. Miranda allowed us to stay close by during the birthing and forever after.



At three months the kittens are running, jumping and climbing. They are beginning to show signs of independence. They will most likely always appreciate and accept consistent love and reassurance.

In about three days they were crawling to find their mother and opened their eyes right on schedule. In order for kittens to be affectionate, loving adults they need much social contact. The kittens have been gently held, stroked or talked to since birth. In addition Miranda and the kittens have received Reiki energy sessions and been exposed to healing music.

For sometime Miranda was too exhausted to think about names but more recently

suggested they be named after the astrological signs.



Miranda



Tauree

Miranda is aware her beloved bundles will at any time begin life in a new home. It saddens her that they will separate however she wants most of all for her kittens to experience a forever caretaker. She says she

understands she now also has that opportunity.



*"Feline over population is an enormous problem. Each year thousands of kittens are born that will never have homes, will never have enough*

Sagee

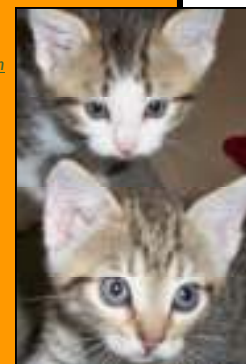
*food, will never have a future, and either die of starvation, predation, cruelty or accidents or end up in shelters."*

Excerpt from *Kitten Season* by R. J. Peters located at [www.theproblemcat.com](http://www.theproblemcat.com)

Miranda, Sagee, Arie, Tauree, Virgee, Capree, and Piscee ask you to consider being a forever caretaker.

*"One small cat changes coming home to an empty house to coming home."* quote by Pam Brown

Arie



Piscee

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to vote for us.

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**Missing parts...**

Visit the Purrfect Paws booth Saturday, October 2, and Sunday, October 3 at the [OZtoberFEST](#) in Wamego, Kansas.

**Featured Activity**  
*Caricatures by Beejay*



Purrfect Paws, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization with the goal of feline placement with appropriate committed caretakers. The holistic sanctuary provided by Purrfect Paws for unwanted, abandoned, and abused felines is a cage free environment and has been approved by the State of Kansas as an official animal shelter. Felines are assessed prior to and upon entry for emotional, physical, and nutritional needs. They are examined by a veterinarian, tested for Feli/FIV, vaccinated, and, at the appropriate time, spayed/neutered. Nutritional needs are met through all natural and organic food products. Purrfect Paws draws from a wide variety of Holistic services to meet specific needs resulting from transitions, emotional, sexual, and physical abuse as well as individual physical conditions. Holistic services that have been effectively used in enhancing the positive traits of each feline include: Homeopathy, Spirit Essence Therapy, Reiki Energy Therapy, Massage, Jin Shin Jyutsu, Pet Intuitive Readings, Emotional Freedom Technique, and TTellington Touch. Perhaps the most important ingredient in the rehabilitation of each feline is the loving home environment and the 24 hour daily attention provided.