

## FEATURED CAT

### Sesame

When Sesame's former owner lost his job and his housing, Sesame found herself at age thirteen with no place to live and no prospects. We took her in and found that her medical needs had been neglected for quite some time. She was severely underweight, had terrible teeth, a coat so matted that she required a complete body shave, and nails untrimmed for so long that they had grown into her toe pads. Sesame must have been so uncomfortable, yet she immediately responded to any bit of attention with endless purring and head butts. Once all her medical issues were resolved, Sesame went to an ARCF foster home to rest and recover.



We discovered that Sesame has a very spunky personality, and she appears to be part Maine Coon. Look at her gorgeous face! And she has enormous feet with big fluffs between her toes. She adores all people, detests all cats, and loves nothing more than being combed, petted, and fussed over. If you haven't pet her quite enough, she will reach out one of those gigantic paws and gently pull your arm back in her direction. We have to admit, when she is being combed, she purrs herself into such happiness that she tends to drool a bit!

Sesame is very fond of her heated bed, her meal times, and a bit of gentle play every day. She asks for very little else, and in return provides calm, devoted companionship. Although she is a lady "of a certain age," her health is good, she has no special dietary needs, and she is 100% litter box compliant. She doesn't scratch the furniture, climb the curtains, dash for the open door, or stay up all night talking to the moon. Sesame is looking for a peaceful home where she can be properly adored as someone's one and only special girl. Call us at 503-402-8692.



**BIGGIE AFTER HIS SURGERY**

### Biggie

*We received a call from a young woman whose four-year-old Dachshund, Biggie, had suffered two ruptured discs in his lower back. He was in severe pain and needed immediate surgery in order to survive, and the surgery was going to be very expensive. Andrea cashed in her resources and begged and borrowed from friends and family, but still came up short. She asked for our help to make up the difference, and we were glad to assist.*

Biggie suffered with increasing pain in his back for over two weeks before ultimately receiving back surgery to repair his ruptured discs. It's unclear how Biggie injured himself, but his pain increased very rapidly day by day and ended up temporarily paralyzing him. I learned that ruptured discs are very common for Dachshunds and aren't necessarily due to a specific action like jumping off a bed or running, but could be due to the simple fact that these little guys suffer from dwarfism.

I am happy to report that Biggie made an almost immediate recovery once his surgery was complete. He was walking around the very next day and already he can run and walk with no issues. He will still need to take it easy for the remainder of his life, but he can pretty much go back to being the ball-chasing, fun-loving Doxie he was before.

I am so grateful to the ARCF for saving his life. Thanks so very much!

— Andrea Gary

# From the President's Desk

We hope by the time this newsletter reaches you, the sun will have shown itself in the Pacific Northwest again. Because of the long, cool spring, the kitten wave was a little later in arriving this year, but it has swept in and left kittens sprinkled all over the landscape. As of the end of May, we have eight litters of rescued kittens in our care. Each litter stays with its mother until all the kittens are weaned; at that time the momcats are spayed and placed for adoption. The kittens will stay with us until they are old enough to be altered and then we'll work on finding them the very best forever homes.

Although it may sound like fun to those who haven't tried it, fostering baby kittens is a messy, time-consuming job. No matter how careful we are, the whole litter always seems to need at least one round of some kind of medication administered a couple times a day. And once they are weaned, they will eat you out of house and home. So here's an extra "thank you and job well done" to our dedicated kitten foster families. We especially appreciate those volunteers who take the scared, hissy kittens that come from feral mothers needing some extra attention to turn them into purring lap lovers. If you'd like to know more about fostering, please give us a call; we always have a need and we'll set you up with supplies and plenty of "tech support" from our experienced foster homes.

And please help us be a part of solution to this problem of too many cats everywhere! There are many pet owners who don't realize how important this is, or perhaps don't have the resources to take care of it. We are lucky to have ASAP (Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland), a group of 10 local shelters and organizations who joined together with the mission to end euthanasia of social, healthy, and treatable cats and dogs in our local shelters. As part of that mission, ASAP operates a \$10 spay/neuter program for cats of low-income owners. The Oregon Spay/Neuter Fund sponsors a coupon making low-cost services available to all, regardless of income, from over a dozen full-service vets in this area. For those who feed stray and feral cats, the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon offers donation-based services, including humane traps available to borrow. See the list of resources below, and please share them with any and all who could benefit from them.

In addition to providing support for spay/neuter programs, ARCF has for many years funded veterinary services for the pets of Portland's homeless population. Pet owners receive a referral from JOIN, the social service agency, to Pet Samaritan Clinic, who provides the services and sends us the bill. In a typical month, we help about 20 animals through this program, with services ranging from basic exams, vaccines, and anti-parasite treatments to spay/neuter surgeries. Recently we also helped a pit bull who needed surgery to remove a rock from her stomach, and we rescued another dog whose owner wasn't able to keep her after she became homeless. With help from Family Dogs New Life Shelter, we were able to find her a wonderful new home. Read more about Kitty the Pitty on page 4.

Although we've complained about our seemingly endless stretch of gray rainy days, we're very lucky compared to those in areas of the world being battered by earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, tornadoes, and nuclear disaster. Amidst all the suffering, there were many heartbreaking stories of lost pets. They reminded us that now is an excellent time to take care of some simple tasks which could save your pet's life in an emergency. It doesn't have to be a world-shaking disaster: a house fire or burglary, a car accident, or even a medical emergency requiring rescue personnel to enter your home could cause your pet to panic and flee. Take these few basic steps now to protect your pet:

1. Get your pets microchipped. If that's already done, have the chip scanned at your vet, confirm the chip number, and make sure your information is updated with the microchip registry.
2. Put collars and ID tags on your pets. Make new ID tags if the information needs updating.
3. Have one hard plastic carrier per pet and mark the carriers with your name and number. Always secure your pets in carriers when traveling.
4. Take a clear, close up photo of your pet. Record the pet's name, age, microchip number, medical info and your veterinarian's name in an email, attach the photo, and send it to yourself and a few trusted friends. Post it on your Facebook page, or other permanent online location so you can access it from anywhere.

The American Red Cross has excellent detailed information for disaster planning. Visit their website or contact your local chapter for brochures.

And finally, many of our wonderful cats were adopted this quarter, including Simon, a very special senior gentleman who met just the right young woman, and Mickey and Duke, two shy young fellows who also made their perfect match. You'll be reading more about them in a future issue.

As always, we are grateful to our supporters, who make it possible for us to continue our work helping animals in need. Your letters and comments are always welcome.

— Carma Crimins  
PRESIDENT



## RESOURCES:

### LOW-COST STERILIZATION PROGRAMS:

[asapmetro.org/spay-and-save/](http://asapmetro.org/spay-and-save/) or 1-800-345-SPAY

[www.oregonspayneuter.org/sncoupon.pdf](http://www.oregonspayneuter.org/sncoupon.pdf) or 503-286-2411

[www.feralcats.com/](http://www.feralcats.com/) or 503-797-2606

### DISASTER SAFETY PLANNING FOR PETS:

[rdcrss.org/xNscv](http://rdcrss.org/xNscv) or 503-284-1234

*Since ARCF does not currently have a dog foster program, we are working with other local dog rescue groups who share our goals and philosophies of animal welfare and rescue.*

### Cora

We'd like to tell you about an extraordinary dog, known to everyone who meets her as "Sweet and Gentle Cora." The first part of her life was about as bad as anyone could imagine, but her loving spirit never faltered. She is now looking for the family who will provide a loving home for the rest of her life.

Cora spent her first eight years in a filthy crate, along with far too many other crated dogs, in the home of a hoarder. After her rescue, she came to Family Dogs New Life Shelter in Portland, who placed her in a foster home, where she immediately began to blossom. And to sniff things! Cora simply couldn't believe all the wonderful smells out there in the world.

There were so many things Cora needed to learn: navigating stairs (up is ok, but down is still a little scary), going outside to potty (no problem with that), playing with toys (including one that dispenses food!), and walking on a leash (still pulling a little, but getting better every day). We won't even show you the "before" pictures of Cora, but let's just say it's amazing what good food, fresh air, exercise, and lots of love can do for even the most neglected creature.

You can imagine what it was like for Cora to have her first experience running free on grass after eight years in a crate. Almost everything is new to Cora and she likes to take it slow and easy as she get used to the great, wide world.



It seems that Cora has decided to forget about those bad years and just enjoy what life has to offer now. She is sweet and easygoing, and she needs a family with lots of patience who will let Cora adjust to new things at her own pace and comfort level. Their reward will be the undying devotion of this big-hearted, happy-go-lucky girl.

Cora weighs 45 lbs. She is spayed, microchipped, and up to date on vaccines. Her adoption fee is \$100, which includes 1 month of pet health insurance, a free vet exam, reduced-cost training class, leash and collar, pack of toys/treats, and a food sample.

If you are interested in meeting or learning more about Cora, please contact Cheryl at [cayoshioka@aol.com](mailto:cayoshioka@aol.com).

#### RESOURCES:

Family Dogs New Life Shelter:  
[www.familydogsnewlife.org](http://www.familydogsnewlife.org)

David Childs Photography:  
[www.DavidChildsPhotography.com](http://www.DavidChildsPhotography.com)

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**Would you like to be part of a program that saves dogs like Cora? Family Dogs New Life Shelter is always in need of foster homes that can provide a safe and nurturing environment. Rescued dogs often need some time to adjust to the transition and learn the good habits necessary to help them fit into a new home and family. In addition, foster homes are invaluable in providing insight into each dog's personality traits, which is essential in making a good match between the dog and potential adopters. If you would like to learn more about fostering dogs, please contact Cheryl at [cayoshioka@aol.com](mailto:cayoshioka@aol.com).**



### Kitty the Pitty

When we get calls from dog owners looking for a new home for their pets, we usually refer them to shelters or rescues that we work with and trust. In this case, the call came from a young woman living in a homeless shelter, about to be evicted. She knew that she would not be able to care properly for Kitty while living on the street and she was desperate to find a new home for her.

We arranged for Kitty to be boarded at Pet Samaritan Clinic while we looked for a rescue partner to help us place her permanently. While there, we arranged for Kitty to be examined, spayed, and vaccinated. Family Dogs New Life Shelter agreed to take Kitty into their foster program as soon as a spot opened up, and to place her in a permanent home from there. A gracious volunteer offered to visit Kitty daily at the clinic and take her for walks, since the clinic is not set up for long-term boarding and daily exercise. Kitty was unfailingly polite and attentive on her outings, and won the hearts of all she encountered.

Fortunately, Kelli met Kitty just before she was due to be transferred to the FDNLS foster home. Because it's so important that new dogs fit into the pack already in the home, we arranged for Kelli to take Kitty for a "sleepover" weekend. Here is Kelli's update:

Kitty first came to our house on a Saturday afternoon. We wanted her to meet our two dogs, one at a time. We decided to have them meet outside in our fenced yard. First Kitty met Carmela, our 18-month-old pit bull and they both did great; they started running around and playing right away! So we let them play until they were both looking tired.

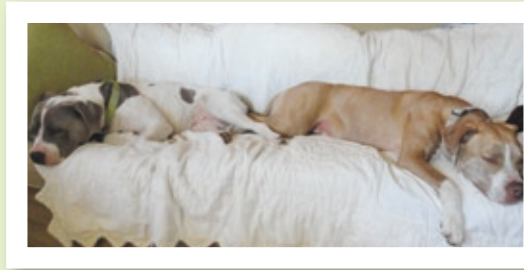
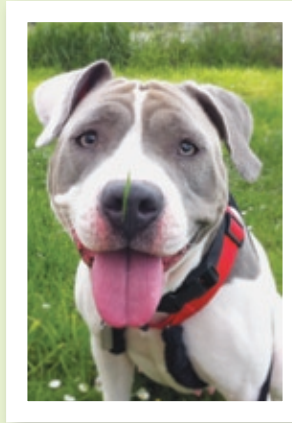
Then I put Carmela inside and brought out Chewy, the Chihuahua. He is the one I was worried about because he is not the friendliest little guy, but he didn't even give a hoot about Kitty. He walked right by her (I think he thought she was Carmela) then spun around and they did the doggie "how do you do" and that was that. Chewy even ran around a bit with Kitty in the yard.

Next we put all three of them together. Carmela and Kitty started playing again, running circles around the house. Poor little Chewy tried to run with them but couldn't keep up so he made little yips to cheer them on as they ran their laps around the house.

On Sunday, they were so worn out from playing all day Saturday that they couldn't even get off the couch. We had a wonderful day full of tired puppy naps.

We have had Kitty for a few weeks now and everyone is still just as happy. Carmela and Kitty are constantly joined at the hip. They share toys and play tug of war together every day. My fiancé and I don't know how we ever lived with just two dogs! Kitty fits in so well and is such a good friend for Carmela—we didn't know what we were missing.

— Kelli King



TOP: KITTY. ABOVE: KITTY (LEFT) AND CARMELA

### Wilbur

It's a familiar story: friendly, hungry cats suddenly appear at a rural home on a quiet road. Unwanted pets have been abandoned by their owners, who assume the cats will find their way to a cat-friendly home. But those cat-friendly homes in the country already have all the cats they need, and so they call us for help. In this case, two sweet tuxedo cats appeared together, and one of them is Wilbur. After a few vet visits and some recovery time in our foster home, Wilbur was lucky enough to meet Leslie. She sent us this update:



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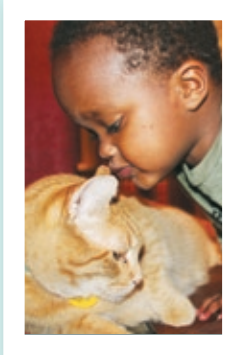
I'm writing to let you know that Wilbur is adapting very well to his new home. He's found all the toys and scattered them about the house. He's been accepted by the two other cats in the house and has found his favorite spots. He's still a little skittish when it comes to people love, but he's slowly coming around and is turning out to be a very affectionate cat.

Thank you so much for being there for the animals. It was great working with Ruth and finding a new home for Wilbur (aka Wilbur von Purrbles).

— Leslie Stephens

## Chester

*Chester was surrendered to the county animal shelter as an unwanted stray, estimated to be seven years old. He was a little beat up from living on the street and had a bad respiratory infection, but he had the typical orange tabby personality: easygoing, mellow, and sweet. Our help was requested to*



**KAVI AND CHESTER**

*foster and place him, since the shelter is no place for a cat with a cold. Once he felt better, Chester made friends with all the critters in his foster home, including cats, dogs, big people, and small people. Soon after, we heard from a friend that Jessica and Casey were looking for a mature, friendly cat to join their household of two big people, one dog, one cat, and one rambunctious toddler.*

When our beloved Zoe dog passed away this past January, we knew we couldn't replace her but we felt like our home needed another furry friend. We needed to find a companion animal who could not only tolerate our busy toddler boy, but also our high-energy dog. We were put in touch with Carma at ARCF, and right away she mentioned that Chester, a beautiful orange cat, might be a good fit. She was right. Chester has been the perfect addition to our family. He's a go-with-the-flow type of guy who enjoys belly rubs, getting hugs from our son, and sleeping by our sides. He's become buddies with our other kitty, Mollie, and we're glad that she now has a friend to play with. We feel lucky and grateful to have been matched with Chester. Thank you, ARCF!

— Jessica Dadds

## Dexter & Lucy (formerly Carmela)

*Dexter was rescued last year and adopted shortly afterward. Soon, financial pressures forced a move out of state for his owner, and we all agreed that Dexter would not thrive in the new situation. Dexter came back to us about the time that Lucy was returned by her adopter (she didn't seem to bond with all members of the family). They met for the first time in their foster home and instantly fell in love. We introduced them to Megan, who was looking for a pair of loving kitties to share her life. Megan's update:*



**DEXTER (LEFT) AND LUCY**

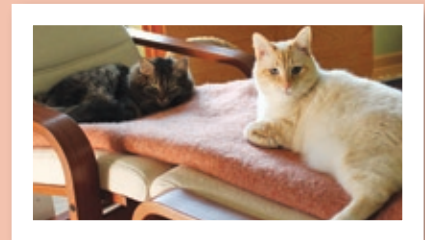
My life has changed for the better since adopting Dexter and Lucy (formerly Carmela). I never could have imagined how much more I'd love coming home after a long day at work to purring, warm kitties in my bed. I have never met two cats who love cuddling so much, nor have I ever met such little burrowers! It's funny to be folding blankets only to find that there's a cat curled up inside. Dexter especially loves to be held like a baby, and he strategically turns himself to be oriented toward my neck when I pick him up so he can give me hugs and kisses. Lucy loves to cuddle and give kisses in bed at night, and wakes me up in the morning that way, too.

I can't remember what life was like before having Dexter and Lucy, and couldn't have changed for the better without the help of all the awesome and friendly volunteers with ARCF. Thanks so much for giving me the opportunity to love two kitties who love me back tenfold!

— Megan Pearlman

## Sophie

*Sophie was adopted as a kitten in 2005. We recently received a call from her adopter, who wanted to return Sophie to us because the family was moving and didn't intend to take her along. We didn't really have a foster home available, but we recruited a wonderful foster home out of retirement and Sophie was back in our care. Not long after, we heard from Jean, who was looking for a friendly feline companion for her handsome flame point Siamese male, Giacomo. Jean knew how to do a proper introduction and she gave us this update:*



**SOPHIE (LEFT) AND GIACOMO**

Sophie settled in immediately! I put her in her own room with the door shut, sat with her for an hour and a half, and read the paper. She jumped up and sat next to me and purred, then I brushed her, then we played with some string. Then I shut Giacomo in the bedroom and let Sophie explore the house. I shut her in her room overnight, and the next morning I just opened the door. She walked all around and then, with Giacomo sitting three feet away, she played with the mouse and the string. They ate their breakfast, used their own litter box, just like they'd been living together for years. I'm relieved it was so easy.

Sophie is very easygoing. Giacomo really likes her, too, and she manages him well. Giacomo really needed a friend. We are a happy family.

— Jean Brodahl

## SlimCat™ Ball

If you have a cat that spends a little too much time at the lunch counter and not enough on the treadmill, we recommend you give the SlimCat™ ball a try. We had a foster cat, whom we shall call “Murphy,” with a bit of excess avoirdupois around his middle. His weight loss program included eliminating most dry food in favor of wet food, which contains far fewer calories. But “Murphy” still wanted his crunchies. It was easy to put his allowed serving of kibble in the ball, and let him spend the day working it out the adjustable-size holes. It’s also helpful for cats that gobble their food, usually followed by an immediate upchuck on the carpet. The ball makes a cat-attracting rackety noise, so you might not want to leave it out overnight, but it’s harmless so you can leave it out all day while you’re gone. The ball is also dishwasher safe and comes in several bright colors for about \$7.



small kittenator, and large kittenator. The pole and critters (including string) can be purchased separately, and we appreciate that they are well made. The pole appears to be unbreakable and has a hand-friendly grip with a swivel at the other end. The string is sturdy and very flingable but can be chewed, so this is a

toy that requires supervised play and must be safely stored away between kitty workouts. Pole with prey, about \$15.

## FurBeGone and FURemover

Does it seem as if every surface in your home has developed a protective covering of hair from your dog, cat, horse, gerbil, or other furred creature sharing your space? We find these rubber-toothed wonders very effective at picking up loose hair when the vacuum cleaner just can’t do the job, especially from carpets and furniture. The rubber bristles pull up even the hair that seems to have woven itself into the fabric and the edges let you get into corners and creases.



But wait, there’s more! These handy tools are also great for grooming your cat or dog. Those little corners allow you to get under chins and behind ears, and it feels ever so good. We have a foster cat that will now stop, flop, and start drooling

whenever he sees the FurBeGone coming out of the drawer. Try this for your furred ones who usually aren’t thrilled about grooming. There are several brands of this product available in different sizes, but they all work the same. About \$5-10.

## Pine Pellet Cat Litter

Another inescapable annoyance for those who live with cats is the potty box: buying litter that’s safe and appealing to cats, keeping it clean, and disposing of the leftovers. Our current favorite is pine pellets. The pellets are 100% wood, with no fragrance or other additives. There’s no dust and the pellets don’t track. The solids sit on top of the pellets, which you can safely scoop and flush. The urine gradually dissolves the pellets into sawdust, which is very lightweight, compared to clumping sand litter. Nothing sticks to the litter box so you don’t need a chisel for scooping it out, and it’s easy to wash and refill frequently. The pine sawdust can also be safely added to your compost. There are several brands of pine pellet litter available, but if you have a multiple cat household, we recommend using wood stove pellets, which is the same product, but packaged in much larger bags with a different name at a much smaller price. We find 40 lb. bags for about \$5 at local hardware, feed, or woodstove supply stores.

*All of these items can be found at local pet supply stores and online retailers. If you’ve found a pet-related product or service that’s worth sharing, please send us the details and we’ll include them in a future issue.*

## Neko Flies

Everyone who’s spent any time with a cat knows how much they like to chase small things that fly through the air. There are hundreds of fishing pole-type toys out there, and we’ve tried most all of them. Based on feedback from our feline focus group, Neko Flies are the current favorite. All of our testers loved the very lifelike “prey.” Depending on your cat’s hunting preference, choose from five options: kragonfly, kittycada, katarantula,





## IN MEMORIAM

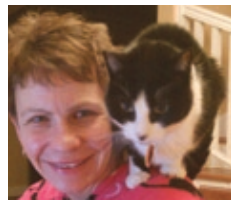
Marion Blum lost her pampered and devoted elderly Chihuahua, Miss Wee. Marion and Miss Wee were constant companions for all their years together, and her loss has left a very large hole for such a small dog. Marion was one of the founders of ARCF in 1975, and served on the board of directors for many years.

Heather and Sean Qualey lost their dog, CoCo, who lived a long and happy life, adored by her family.

Jan Lewis lost Bailey, her beautiful Somali cat. Bailey was the light of Jan's life and the source of energy in the room. She charmed everyone she met with her joie de vivre and always made visitors feel welcome. There will never be another Bailey.

Barb Menze lost Ajax, her faithful old yellow Lab, to cancer.

Ruth and Matt Page lost their cat Goatee, adopted nearly ten years ago in Texas. Ruth went to the rescue intending to adopt Mustache and ended up with Goatee, too, as a bonus. He was a charming and gregarious fellow, and it was hard to lose him to kidney failure at such a young age.



GOATEE

Mary Richardson said goodbye to Sophie, the best cat ever.

John Briggs and Jeff Feiffer lost their precious cat, Ms. Frisk, who succumbed to kidney failure at age 16 years.



AMANDA

Amanda came to ARCF almost 15 years ago. She was adopted, and then returned after a few years because of a family crisis. After some time in our care, Amanda found a new home, and once again was returned after a few years because of a serious health issue her adopter suffered. By that time, Amanda was having some health issues of her own so we decided she would spend her retirement years with one of our volunteers.

She surprised us all by getting up and enjoying every day for another five years. A few weeks ago, she didn't want to get up, eat, or drink, and we knew the time had come to say goodbye. Amanda met many people in her life, and never failed to leave an impression. She carried a large spirit (and voice) in her small body.

## ANIMAL PLACEMENTS

March-April-May 2011: We placed 21 cats in loving, responsible homes. Major expenses were:

Veterinary Fees: \$23,876.82\*

Advertising/Outreach: \$0

Food, Special Meds: \$1,031.82\*\*

Newsletter: \$1,389.00

\* These expenses include veterinary care for the pets of Portland's homeless. We also had expenses for injured and sick pets and emergency vet visits.

\*\* Most volunteers pay for food and litter for the animals they care for as their contribution to the cause.

## AnimalTalk

**ANIMAL TALK** is a quarterly newsletter published by Animal Rescue & Care Fund, Inc., and printed locally.

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## Miles and Petunia

*We rescued Miles (formerly known as Snapdragon) and Petunia as kittens in 2004. They were adopted by Ann Harrison, who doted on them. A few months ago, we were contacted by Rose, a close friend of Ann's who told us Ann had died suddenly. Rose took Miles and Petunia home with her, because no family members could take them. In an all too common scenario, Rose had just lost her job and her apartment, and was going to live with family, where no more cats were allowed. We arranged for Miles and Petunia to board with our vet, since no foster homes were available.*

*A few days later, we heard from another Annie, who had recently lost her two cats. She was devastated and missing feline company, so we asked if she would foster Miles and Petunia. She instantly agreed. The cats were very stressed out from so much upheaval in their life—showing teeth and growling at everyone they encountered. We warned Annie they would need time and patience while they adjusted to yet another change.*

*About one hour after they arrived in her home, Annie called to tell us that both Miles and Petunia were crawling into her lap, purring, and nuzzling. She was ready to call them her own right that minute. Sweet Petunia and gorgeous Miles needed a new home exactly when fate created a clearing in Annie's home and heart. It was love at first lick and a perfect match.*

*Petunia enjoys snuggling and loves to lay her head on my shoulder and look up at me with those big melty, yellow eyes. Who could possibly resist? She loves the brush and pushes her face into it and purrs as I tell her she looks beautiful. Miles*



**MILES (LEFT) AND PETUNIA**

*notices that she's getting attention and he quickly joins the love-fest with head butts and purrs. After brushing, playing, and loving them up, they curl up together for a nice long nap.*

*They both love to play, jump, and chase toys and each other. Miles especially likes to join me on the Wii Fit, stretching to get my attention as I'm trying to exceed my highest score. Petunia watches the screen from atop the side table, seemingly mesmerized by the balls shooting in my direction.*

*At bedtime, they love to cuddle and burrow under the covers, and when I wake up Miles and Petunia are smushed up against me, so warm and loving that it's hard to get up.*

*I'm so grateful to have them, they are wonderful creatures.*

**— Annie Sincavage**

## YES! I want to help

Animal Rescue & Care Fund, Inc., depends entirely on your donations. Our work includes rescue, medical aid, food and shelter, humane education, neutering/spaying, and more. All workers are volunteers. Your contribution goes directly to help the animals. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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