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### Dear Friends of Persian and Himalayan Cat Rescue,

2017 has been a busy year -- many new cats, but with familiar stories: no pets in the new apartment, new baby, people pass and family can't take care of the cat, moving overseas, divorce, money, etc. Now, 2017 has been different, too, with the additional tragedy of the Santa Rosa fires and the need for all those pets to be helped. And, as we write, the Southern California fires rage, and we are sending our prayers to our neighbors there and are prepared to help Persians and Himalayans who are affected.

2018 is upon us, and we're betting we'll meet many wonderful new cats who find themselves needing our help. No matter the reason or the source (individuals, shelters, vets, and others), we take them all. The cats are just the end product of circumstances they didn't create. The other side of that is the delightful adopters who call to rescue them.

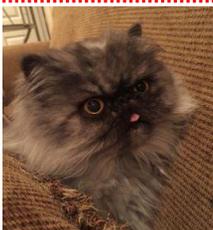
Some 2017 stories....all with happy endings in new loving homes:

- An Exotic Shorthair breeder needed to rehome her 25 cats due to her illness
- A breeder dropped two two-year-olds at a vet to be euthanized because she didn't have time for them
- A Persian was left at a gas station
- A hero Oakland garbage collector called us to rescue a Persian found in a garbage can

**The plain fact is we could not do any of this without the help and support of all of you, who donate so generously every year so that we can save these dear creatures.** 100% of all donations go to the cats for their medical costs, litter and food and a small bit to publicize the cats and maintain [www.persiancats.org](http://www.persiancats.org), which connects us to the world of potential adopters. We know you have a choice as to where to make your charitable contributions. Please think of us and these cats as part of that plan.

Finally, we can't thank you enough for the great photos and stories at Christmas and throughout the year that remind us of how wonderful and loving our adopters are.

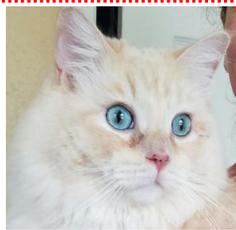
**Wishing you all the best for 2018!!** *Pat and the Board and Volunteers*



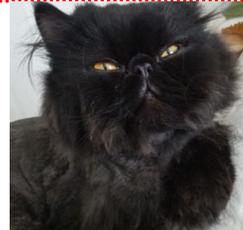
**Bessie** – first cat adopted in 2017 - in January.



**Lexie** has her own Facebook page. Adopted in February.



**Huckberry** is a sweetie pie. Adopted in May.



**Cole** is a sofa snuggler. Adopted in July.

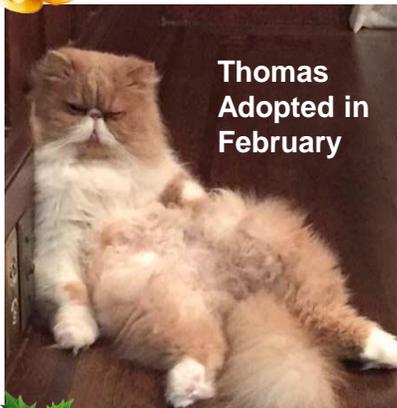


**Festus** says I love you! Adopted in November.





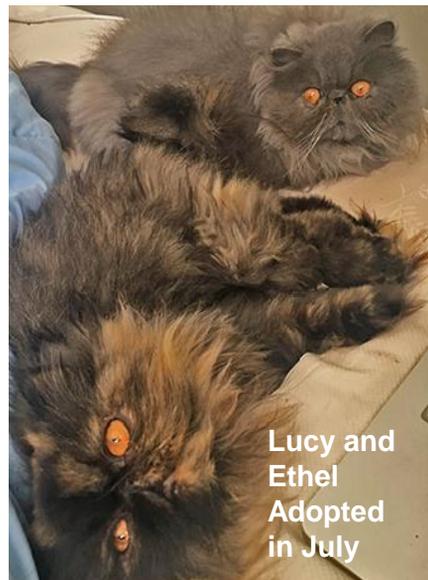
## More Happy Tails from 2017



Thomas  
Adopted in  
February



Kona  
Adopted in  
October



Lucy and  
Ethel  
Adopted in  
July



## And finally...

### FIRE Safety Tips

We are, sadly, reminded this year that fire can happen to anyone:

- ✓ **Ready.**
  - Get a sticker from your vet or local fire dept. to put on your front door listing pets inside
  - Microchip your pets; add vet as 2<sup>nd</sup> contact
  - Carry pics in your wallet to help ID them
- ✓ **Set.**
  - Keep carriers near your front door or in cats' most common hangouts
  - A **pillowcase** also works. Shove your cat in and tie it up. They can breathe through the fabric.
- ✓ **Go.** You may only have 5 minutes to evacuate. Be ready.
  - Always have gas in your car and \$\$ in your wallet.
  - Worst case if you cannot get your cats – *leave doors open* so they have a chance to escape.

**Help us help Shelter cats! Be our eyes and ears at your local animal shelter. If you find out that...**

- A Persian or Himalayan cat is at a shelter, or
- a shelter pet posted on [www.persiancats.org](http://www.persiancats.org) has been adopted

...Tell us about it! E-mail [info@persiancats.org](mailto:info@persiancats.org)

### How you can donate ...

- [www.persiancats.org](http://www.persiancats.org) – “DONATE” button on home page
- Online: iGive, Amazon Smile Program and Petfinder.com
- Mail a check to: PO Box 475482, San Francisco, CA 94147-5482



### A Huge Thank You to...

- ❖ **Other rescue groups** that share the load -- too many to name all.
- ❖ **Our fabulous volunteers** who go above and beyond when we need them.
- ❖ **Local animal shelters**, who work with us to find the best outcome for each and every Persian and Himalayan cat. We know they were especially taxed this year, dealing with the fires.
- ❖ **The many veterinarians** who give their skills, time and rescue discounts to help our cats stay healthy.
- ❖ **... and especially YOU**, who support the cats, and who adopt them and give them happy, loving homes!



**We at PHCR wish you all  
A Fantastic, Happy and Healthy 2018!**

