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Good Mews offers an alternative to traditional animal shelters in the metro Atlanta area by providing a no-kill, cage-free haven for homeless, abused, or abandoned cats until placing them in permanent, loving homes. Good Mews promotes public awareness regarding the value of pets, animal welfare, pet overpopulation, and quality human-animal companionship through education and outreach programs.

SHELTER DIRECTIONS

Good Mews is located at 3805 Robinson Road in Marietta, one mile west of Johnson Ferry Road on Roswell Road (Highway 120) behind Rick's Farmers Market.

ADOPTION HOURS

Saturday: 10am to 4pm
Sunday: 1pm to 4pm
Weekdays by appointment only.

ON THE COVER



Aretha

"This love bug found her forever home."

Kendra's Corner

Dear Good Mews Family,

Happy New Year! Can you believe we've already reached the two-year mark in this pandemic? Though it is often difficult to sort through which day or month or year it is after so long in these abnormal times, one thing remains true: Good Mews keeps on going forward!

2022 started with our Board of Directors unveiling their vision for how our organization will progress in the coming months and years. A major portion of this plan includes adding to the leadership team, with the first new addition being our director of marketing, Bri Payne. Once our organizational chart is complete, we will be set to go full steam ahead, and I truly believe the sky is the limit for Good Mews.

While all of this behind-the-scenes planning has been going on, the operations team has set goals to achieve as well. Some of these are numbers driven and the inherent desire to keeping topping the work from past years. We hope to break our adoption, surgical, and dental totals yet again! Our team also has a lot of program development in the works. Some of this includes expansion of our foster program to increase our lifesaving capacity, adding surgery days and services, reinforcing the TNR team with more trappers, and reviving our Cat Pawstive training. We also have some exciting prospects to lend our skills in partnerships for transports and mentorships to local and out-of-state shelters.

Support from all of you is the only reason we have come this far, and we can continue to dream. We all know there are so many cats and kittens out there who need our help! Each good kitty who finds a good home reminds us



why we persevere with this important work. Thank you all for an amazing 2021, and we all look forward to working together again this year!

Sincerely,

Kendra Ledlow
Director of Operations

RECENT ADOPTION TOTALS

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| October | 52 |
| November | 51 |
| December | 67 |
| 2021 Total | 601 |
| January | 49 |
| 2022 Total | 78 |

The Inside Scoop

Directing and managing the strategic growth of an organization such as Good Mews is a very big responsibility. It's one that we do not take lightly and deem an honor. Over the last 34 years, our "litttle shelter that could" (in the words of our founder, Gloria Skeen-Cornell) has experienced a little bit of everything: hardships, victories, sadness, elation, and more. Yet through it all, Good Mews has managed to survive and, ultimately, thrive at many points.

One thing we have learned is that change is inevitable. The question is, do we want to lead that change or do we want it to lead us? We must admit, Good Mews has, at many times, been reactive to changes in the past. But this is not the ideal way to operate. While it may be cute to see a cat chasing its tail, this is not what you want to see from an organization with great potential.

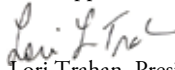
In that spirit, we, along with our fellow board directors, have pledged to set Good Mews on a path that will prepare us for the next 34 years and beyond. Our 2022 strategic plan charts a course for managed growth, which will enable

us to not only continue helping the thousands of cats we assist each year but many thousands more. We are getting busy putting our mission to work in even bigger ways than before, and we humbly ask that you help us accomplish these goals over the next few years because we cannot do it without you.

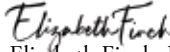
Not only have we identified goals that will further positively impact the local Atlanta cat population, but we have committed to internal goals that create a cycle of consistent succession planning, ensuring that Good Mews remains a pillar of our community long after we are gone.

We encourage you to visit goodmews.org/strategic-plan to see all the new and exciting ways we are planning on finding good homes for good kitties...and they're all good kitties.

With appreciation,



Lori Trahan, President



Elizabeth Finch, President-Elect

Meet Our Marketing Director

Bri was born in Queens, N.Y., and moved to Woodstock, Ga., at the age of two. Being raised by a close-knit family, she didn't stray too far and opted to attend Kennesaw State University to study communications and public relations. During her time in college, Bri worked her way up the corporate ladder in the golf and country club industry, where she would spend just shy of 10 years in various marketing, sales, and communications roles.



The golf industry led Bri to meet her husband, Corey, who at the time was a golf professional, and they were married in October 2019. Together they have two kitties, Quincy and Vinny, whom they often refer to as their children.

Bri's heart has always been tied to philanthropy and helping raise money for charitable causes. This ultimately led her to make a career change into the nonprofit world, and her love for cats led her to Good Mews.

In her free time, Bri enjoys trying out new local restaurants, shopping, and attending Atlanta United soccer games.

YOUR 2021 IMPACT: ANOTHER RECORD-BREAKING YEAR



Over 600 kitties found their forever homes in 2021.

- +4% increase from 2020
- +22 more adoptions

601
ADOPTIONS

95%
ADOPTION SUCCESS

We helped find the very best homes for our cats.

- +23% increase in retention rate compared to the past five years



We set a new record on in-house dental procedures this year.

- +16% increase from 2020
- +15 more procedures

94
DENTALS

3,148
SPAY/NETUER PROCEDURES

408 Good Mews Residents
892 Local Rescue Groups
1,848 CCP

- +31% increase from 2020
- +954 more procedures



Because of your help, we were able to break records, while providing our cats with the care they need to help them find their loving forever homes.

- +5% increase from 2020
- +28 additional cats saved

612
CATS SAVED

Ways to Contribute

by Bri Payne

Memorial Walkway Pavers

Want to own a piece of the new Good Mews shelter? Then purchase a paver that will be permanently installed on the Memorial Walkway! Pavers are 4 inches by 8 inches, and the \$100 price includes your customized text. Ready to be a part of Good Mews forever? You can order your personalized brick now at: <https://www.bricksrus.com/order/goodmews/>

In-Kind Donations - Shelter Supplies

In addition to cash donations, Good Mews constantly needs shelter supplies to keep our cats clean, healthy, and well-fed. We appreciate your tax-deductible donation of any of the items below. You can also order from our Amazon Wishlist. Be sure to fill out the gift message section, so the Good Mews kitties

can thank you! Both wishlists can be found on the Good Mews Website or by visiting: <https://www.goodmews.org/monetary-donations-fundraising>

Monetary Donations

There's nothing like tax season to get you thinking about your write-offs for next year! Now is the time to get a jump-start on your monetary donations for your 2022 tax write-offs. Your donations allow us to not only take care of the Good Mews residents but also to give us the opportunity to increase our abilities and opportunities to do more. You can view our 2022 Strategic Plan on our website and see our long-term goals, only made possible by donations from you! To make a monetary tax-deductible donation, visit: <https://goodmews.kindful.com>

Shelter Supply Wish List

There are a lot of current supply issues with food, so donating these items is especially helpful due to the ongoing crisis.



Hill's Science Diet:

Adult 1-6 years Chicken Recipe Dry Food
Kitten Chicken Recipe Dry Food
Adult 1-6 years Canned Food (Pate), especially Savory Salmon or Savory Chicken flavors



Purina Pro Plan True Nature:

Chicken & Turkey, Chicken & Liver, or Salmon & Catfish flavors



Purina Fancy Feast: Classic Pate - There's a ton of flavors, but kitties prefer poultry and seafood varieties!



Wellness Kitten Pate

Chicken Entree



Bleach



Paper towels



Cat Litter

Unscented, Scoopable, Clumping



13 gallon garbage bags



Dawn Dish Detergent

(blue formula)

MEMORIALS & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF

"T" and Rolly
 Ace Tichenor
 Adrian Brancato
 Agatha and Buttercup
 Alabama
 Albus/Mr. Elvis Wiggles

 Amos and Ben
 Anini Hannan

 Anne Walker
 Anne Walker and Patches
 Annie and Bo
 Arlo Beamer
 AshLeigh Brooke Tesch

 Bambino
 Barbara Atkins Blanton

 Barnaby, Fluffy, Happy,
 Lazarus, Lily, and Sidney
 Belle and Storm
 Betty Carol Wright

 Biloxi Paven
 Bob Glazer
 Bogey (Boges) Carter
 Booger Adams
 Boomer and Cleo
 Boots
 Brenda Badiuzzi
 Brie Wright
 Caleb Ramsey Page
 Cali
 Calli
 Calvin
 Catherine Bates Coulmas

 Cherrie Fustino

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 Ernest and Carol Parker
 Brenda King
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 Buddy and Evelyn Roberts
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 Marianna Spain
 Kathy and Scott Beamer
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 James Fustino

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Chloe

Chloe and Maya

Clarise

Cleo Camacho-Smith

Clifford and Haze

Clyde

Creamy and Toby

Crystal

Crystal, Lorna, and Patches

Darla, Jake, Kitty,

and Misty

David Dunn

Diego

Ditto

Ears and Jumpy

Ebony and Spud

Ellie

Ellie Mae Mustache,

Fluffy, Katie, Sammy,

Tommy, and Woody

Emma

Emmett Trahan

Eric the Not-So-Red

Fluffy

Fuzz

Ginger

Ginger and Patches

Ginkgo and Jasmine

Ginn

Grace and Griffin

Gracie Girl

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 Dominiquetric Simpson,
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 Nancy McDonald
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 Kristina Stroede
 Carol and Hodge Jenkins
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 Stephanie, Alex, Ian,
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 Luther Palmer
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| Jilli | Lynn Stouffer | and Fehabid | |
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 Ruthie Fuller
 Samuel Johnson

 Sandy, Roger,
 and Beth Hannigan
 Seamus Trahan

 Seamus Trahan

 Sherman Baby Pussy Cat
 Silver Hopkins
 Simon and Kiawah
 Snickers
 Snookie

 Snowball
 Socks Tully
 Stanley

 Stanley Mews
 Sy Collier
 Teddy
 Thomas Wright
 Timmy
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 Travis Baumberger
 Trillian
 Viloa
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through January 31, 2022**

Medical Mews: Vaccinations Make a Difference

by Jeff Libby

Welcome back to Medical Mews, where the GM staff gives an inside look into an important topic and shares a bit of technical know-how. This time around, we wanted to delve deeper into vaccinations and microchipping, common safety procedures every GM cat experiences, which we also encourage in the greater pet community.

Did you know there are three vaccines recommended for domesticated cats? The rabies vaccine, which is required by law; the FVRCP combination vaccine; and feline leukemia (FELV). The rabies vaccine is given once yearly, with some versions labeled to be given every three years. Both puppies and kittens must be a minimum of 12 weeks to receive the rabies vaccine. The FVRCP vaccine is usually given three to four times to kittens depending on their age, while the FELV vaccine is given twice, usually spaced apart by three weeks. Depending on lifestyle, your personal vet may recommend an adult indoor cat stop receiving the FELV vaccine, but because of the severity of the disease, it is commonly given to all kittens and cats under one year of age.

The consequences of catching some of these diseases may be dire for an unvaccinated cat. Rabies is usually considered fatal by the time symptoms present. The FVRCP vaccine protects against such things as rhinotracheitis, a potentially severe respiratory condition, and panleukopenia, which can lead to fever, vomiting, and death within 12 hours of contracting it.

You may have heard on the news about a 'microchip shortage' lately, but thankfully for us in the veterinary industry, that's not the kind we use. Veterinary microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and are injected between the shoulder blades. The microchip needle may look large, but most pets react less to a microchip than even to a common vaccination. When a microchipped pet is scanned with a

specialized scanner, a unique number is displayed that correlates with that specific owner's information in the chip manufacturer's database. That's why it's always important to notify the chip manufacturer when ownership of a pet has changed or you've changed addresses.

Last year, a former GM cat named Elena was found and brought to a local veterinary clinic. Because Good Mews is always listed as an alternate contact, even after being adopted out, we were notified as the cat was brought to Cobb County Animal Services. We arranged to pick up Elena, but before we needed to, the original adopter was located, and she was very relieved to be reunited. A happy ending for everyone, thanks to microchips.

Our goal at Good Mews is to be proactive in treating the health and wellbeing of our furry residents. And maintaining good preventive care protocols, like vaccinations, as well as safety measures, like microchipping, allows us to better accomplish that goal and keep our feline friends safe.



Success Story – Jaycee

by Sandra Song

Jaycee, formerly named Romy, came to Good Mews in August of 2020. She was one of 60 kittens that Good Mews volunteers brought to Marietta from New Orleans ahead of Hurricane Laura. She and her fellow felines were sheltered at Jefferson Parish Animal Shelter for over two months. She was about three years old at the point of transfer.

Mark Beauchamp is a dedicated lover of cats. He adopted two kittens in 2020, the infamous year the Covid pandemic began. Tragically, both kittens contracted “feline Covid” and died. Mark visited the local humane society and adopted a cat, Baily. Wishing for a companion for Baily, he visited Good Mews with his fiancé, Megan Kelly. Romy, now Jaycee, was still in a cage, in the process of registering and settling in at Good Mews. Mark and Megan saw her, huddled at the back of the cage, and felt an instant connection with and compassion for her.

They both agreed – she was destined to be theirs. They adopted her on the spot and named her Jaycee—J for his son Jonathan and C for his other son Christopher.



Jaycee spent the first two weeks hiding under his desk, refusing to emerge. He brought her food and water and spoke continuously to her. “She seemed terrified of everything,” said Mark. When almost two weeks elapsed and she remained frightened and hidden, he called Good Mews. He was advised to be patient and to give her time. He did, and she eventually emerged.

“Her transformation was amazing,” Mark said. She made friends with Baily, and they are now inseparable. She also became ferociously attached to Mark and Megan. She spends her days on Megan’s lap and literally sleeps on Mark every night. She seeks the company, attention, and affection of everyone around her. This story of trauma, rescue, and healing is a success story in every way.

Kitty Keeper Spotlight: Izzy



Izzy transferred to Good Mews in February, 2021, from another rescue that was closing. Izzy was shy at first, but she quickly came around, showing all of us what a sweet and spunky girl she is. She is not a fan of the other cats at the shelter, though, and will sometimes start fights with them. Because of this, Izzy would love a home where she can be queen bee and not have any competition for her human's affection.

Izzy is a beautiful girl that attracts a lot of attention from visitors and potential adopters, but she has a sassy side to her and will sometimes swat or nip, so she is having a hard time finding her forever home. We are optimistic that once she is out of the shelter environment and away from so many cats, she will settle down and be the sweet girl we all know she is. Izzy has a playful side to her and enjoys batting toys around. She also loves to be brushed, which keeps her long locks tangle free and shiny. She also likes looking out the window at the wildlife or snuggling up in a warm, cozy bed in the sun. Izzy is a great girl that just needs someone to give her a chance. We just know she will be the perfect companion! This sweet, adorable cat is ready for a new forever home.

But until that special day, Izzy is enjoying life at Good Mews. Our Kitty Keeper program is a way to send some loving care to a cat with special needs, like Izzy, regardless of where you live!

For a monthly donation of \$20 or more, Kitty Keeper sponsors help support the ongoing care cats like Izzy and her friends require. The program provides resources for cats with limited adoption options because of medical or other reasons. You'll receive quarterly updates on your kitty, along with a photo and personal note telling you all about their life at Good Mews.

Please contact kittykeeper@goodmews.org if you're interested in sponsoring Izzy or one of our other Kitty Keeper cats. Your kindness makes all the difference for him and the other wonderful cats in our program.

Volunteer Opportunity: TNR

by Ashe Mastley

For those who are on the lookout, here and there you may notice a pair of ears bolting into the shadows or peering around a dumpster.

These shy cats typically have no real home and are called community cats. Community cats often have a caregiver nearby who feeds them and does what they can to help. Caring for feral and stray cats can be hard for any one person to handle, and that's where Good Mews and the Community Cats Program step in to help with TNR.

TNR stands for Trap, Neuter, Return. Cats are vaccinated during their procedure as well. TNR'ing community cats helps reduce the number of kittens struggling to survive in the wild, as well as reduces fighting, spraying, and the spread of disease. The benefits of TNR are immense to

the cats themselves as well as the areas in which they live.

This is where YOU can help!

With kitten season right around the corner, Good Mews' TNR team is looking for volunteers for this important community work.

Volunteers must be 18+ and available on Sundays and/or Tuesdays. Shifts typically last around three hours, and we ask volunteers to commit to six hours a month. If you're new to TNR, that's totally okay! Training will gladly be provided by the Community Cat Program Coordinator, Sue Black.

If you are interested in getting involved, please send an email to: ccp@goodmews.org



Microchip & Vaccination Clinic

Sunday
April 24, 2022
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Good Mews
3805 Robinson Road
Marietta, GA

Cat Services - Packages

Rabies*, FVRCP \$27
Rabies*, FVRCP, FeLV \$45
Rabies*, FVRCP, FeLV, Chip \$70

Cat Services - Individual

Microchip \$25
Rabies* \$15
FVRCP \$15
FELV \$20
Nail Trim \$10

Dog Services - Packages

Rabies*, Distemper \$27
Rabies*, Distemper, Bordetella \$40
Rabies*, Distemper, Bordetella, Chip \$65

Dog Services - Individual

Microchip \$25
Rabies* \$15
Bordetella \$15
Distemper \$15

Appointments Required:
www.goodmews.org

*For 3 year rabies, proof of prior vaccination is required.

All pets must be leashed or in carrier. We reserve the right to refuse any animal based on temperament.

Accepted payment methods: Cash or Credit (AMEX, MC, Visa, Discover)

Good Mews Announces Public Spay & Neuter Days

Good Mews continues to grow!

This past World Spay Day, Feb. 22, 2022, Good Mews Animal Foundation announced they are opening their surgical suite to public spay and neuter appointments.

Since the announcement, many appointments have already been booked. Those in the community and surrounding areas are able to book spay and neuter appointments for their feline companions to be performed on-site at Good Mews.

Full details, information, and helpful resources can be found on the Good Mews website, under the Spay/Neuter section.

Upcoming Public Spay & Neuter Appointment Days:

Thursday, March 31

Friday, April 15
Friday, April 29

Friday, May 13
Friday, May 20



From left: Surgical Veterinarian - Melissa Braver, DVM; Director of Operations - Kendra Ledlow; and Surgical Program Supervisor - Jen Jewah



Upcoming Events

Reading to Cats Yoga with Cats



We are happy to welcome you back to Yoga with Cats and Reading to Cats! Class sizes are limited, and advance registration is required. Please check [goodmews.org/ongoing-events](https://www.goodmews.org/ongoing-events) for further information.

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- 100% of all proceeds go to the kitties of Good Mews (now that's something to feel good about!)

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