



**Whatever your resolutions may be, we wish you a very HAPPY, HEALTHY, and SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



## ***5 Things You Should Know About Your Cat's Paws***

Since you love your cat, you love every part of her, and it's important that you *understand* every part of her. Her paws are the foundation that she stands on and there are some valuable things that you should know about them. They play a huge part in helping a cat do his job as a hunter, as well as helping him stay safe and communicate with other cats.

### **1. Each of the paw's joints are subject to joint disease.**

A cat's paw is made up of bony structures and soft tissue, just like our hands. Both front and rear paws have tiny bones, ligaments and tendons on the inside and are covered by skin & hair. A cat's paw pads are analogues to the padded parts of our hands, but are even more equipped for their purpose of facilitating speed and agility. Each section of a cat's toe that he can flex is a joint and is subject to joint diseases. A cat can flex and grip all his toes powerfully, which enables him to climb. The last digit of a cat's toe is the one that houses the claw.

### **2. Declawing is an amputation.**

The claw makes up more of a cat's toes than our nails make up our fingers and declawing a cat literally mutilates his foot forever.

### **3. Paws perceive information about the environment.**

As a hunter, a cat must be able to move quickly. His paws are the interface between his body and what he is standing on. The pads of his feet are designed to cushion his impact when he steps and to help him spring into his next step. A cat must be agile & quick. The paws are important in her movement. They help her to balance and coordinate. There are many nerve endings in the feet that help her perceive features of her environment. She can sense vibration with her paw pads.



### **4. Beware of paw injuries.**

There are many blood vessels in the foot pads that go along with all the nerves, so if your cat cuts his paw pad, it will bleed profusely compared to other parts of a cat.

### **5. Paws help cats communicate.**

Has anyone ever told you that you "talk with your hands"? Well, your cat takes this tendency to a whole new level. She communicates with her paws. Cats have glands between their toes that secrete a marking chemical called *interdigital semi chemical*. The chemical releases when she scratches or kneads her paws and it leaves a sign that other cats can read.

It is important to realize that your cat's paws are vital and like your own hands in many ways, but different in many ways too. If your cat cuts her paw pads or seems to be in pain when she steps or climbs, ask your vet for help figuring out why.

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**\*\*\*\*\*ADOPTION  
SPOTLIGHT\*\*\*\*\***

**Meet Mimi**



Mimi is from a small Gilbertsville, PA trapping project. Only she & one kitten had what it took to be adoptable. Her son, Drew, is already in his forever home! Mimi is great with other cats and, loves people! It seems that Mimi has a one-track mind: she's constantly thinks about her next meal and loves all types of food!

Most likely she went hungry in her prior life. Mimi also knows her name and comes running to it. She's a very pleasant cat, but you do have to watch her with open doors. All her vet work is complete, and she'd love to be in a forever home!

*Email [notallperfectstrays@yahoo.com](mailto:notallperfectstrays@yahoo.com) for an Application to Adopt!*

**\*\*\*\*\*ADOPTION SPOTLIGHT UPDATE\*\*\*\*\***

GumDrop and JuJuBee got adopted together!  
Chris and Cornell are still looking for their forever homes.  
Liam is still looking for his forever home as well.

## ***Cat NAPS 2017 Catistics!***

- **124** Cats and Kittens found their forever homes! This includes **7 FIV** Positive cats such as JuJuBee & GumDrop!
- **1** first ever in the history of Cat NAPS **QUADRUPLE** adoption! Hostess and three of her kittens, Twinkie, Suzy Q, and Muffin are in their forever home **TOGETHER!** We also had several **TRIPLE** adoptions. The latest being Jax, Cheez-It, and Crackers. These siblings are together in their forever home!
- **250** Cats were spayed and neutered in the Pottstown and surrounding areas! Most were Trapped, Neutered and Released, but some were adopted, or are still waiting to be adopted!
- **HoppAlong!** A true testament as to why we do what we do at Cat NAPS! She is living a normal, playful kitten life in her forever home!

## **Ways you can continue to help Cat NAPS of Pottstown, Inc.**

**Cat NAPS is part of the Redner's receipt program. Save your Redner's receipts for us! If you don't have a Redner's card, visit their Customer Service Desk!**

**Mail your receipts to:**

***Cat NAPS of Pottstown, Inc.; PO Box 453, Gilbertsville, PA 19525***

**We're also part of the Smile Amazon program! If you shop on Amazon, just go to [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) to make your purchases and choose Cat NAPS of Pottstown, Inc. as your charity!**

**Good Shop donates to Cat NAPS. Visit our website for more details.**

### **EVENTS and WEBSITE:**

**L☺☺K for updated Events on our Website and on our Facebook page**

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**[www.facebook.com/catnapsofpottstown](http://www.facebook.com/catnapsofpottstown)**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**The Fundraising Committee is working on new and exciting fundraising events for 2018! We welcome any suggestions you may have to raise funds for this great Non-Profit!**