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Jeremiah

Have you met Jeremiah?

Jeremiah came to Bellwether as a tiny little single kitten. Too young to eat on his own, he was bottle-fed by staff and volunteers. Miah is a spunky little bundle of energy. Zooming around the room and tackling his toys are two of his favorite hobbies! He would excel in an active home looking for a little spitfire to keep them entertained. With his big personality, he may be too much for very small children. He has been started on vaccines and has tested negative for FLT. Jeremiah has also

been neutered and will be micro-chipped.

He is a long haired tabby. His approx. date of birth was 6/12/15 and his date of arrival was 7/28/15.

New Bellwether Harbor Animal Sponsorships-

We invite you to Sponsor one or more of our Shelter Animals this holiday season. We estimate that it costs \$36 a month to care for each of our cats and \$60 a month to care for each of our dogs. This does not factor in any medications or medical procedures that may arise. Since our priority is to take in abused, abandoned and neglected animals care can be costly.

Please help us continue to offer the level of care our animals deserve. The funds raised through animal sponsorships will go directly to animal care. Ask us about sponsoring or you can go to our website and choose your level from the drop down menu. Please add the name of the animal you would like to sponsor on your checkout page. We will send you a confirmation email within one business day. Thank you for sharing your holiday with the animals of Bellwether Harbor.

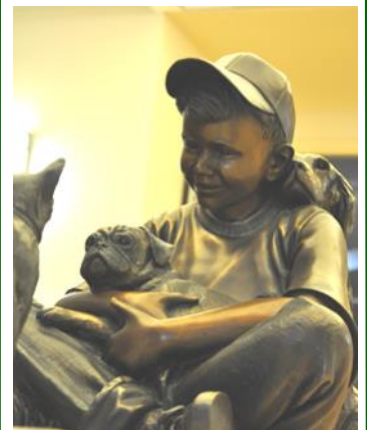


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Bellwether's Mission Statement

**"Helping animals
and people make a
connection through
education, training
and adoption"**



Supplies Are Always Needed

Bellwether Harbor is a non-profit entity that relies on the gifts of donors and volunteers to continue its mission of helping animals and people make a connection through education, training and adoption. If you or someone you know is interested in donating any of the following items to the animals at Bellwether Harbor contact the shelter at 231-924-9230. All donations are tax deductible.

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| - Hard Dog Toys | - Peanut Butter for Kongs | - Paper Towels | - Newspapers (no inserts) |
| - Cat Toys | - Liquid All Free Detergent | - Crates, Wire Cages | - Clorox Bleach & Wipes |
| - Pet Carriers | - Copy Paper | - Large Garbage Bags | |
| - Leashes | - Unscented Clay Cat Litter | - Used Blankets (no zippers) | |
| - Friskies Canned Cat Food, Pate Style | | - Diamond Naturals Puppy Food | |
| - Diamond Naturals Beef Meal and Rice Dog Food | | - Diamond Naturals Active Cat Food | |
| - Fancy Feast Canned Kitten Food | | - Diamond Naturals Kitten Food | |



Why Did My Cat Stop Using the Litter Box?

By Dr. Stephanie Janeczko, D.V.M., Medical Director for Animal Care & Control of New York City

Although we often take for granted that our cats will use whatever litter box we provide for them, it is perhaps more surprising that they are usually so willing to do so. Feral cats don't seek out dark, often smelly caves that they can barely fit into to do their business - but that is often what we ask of our domestic feline friends!

When cats stop using their litter boxes, it is usually for one of two broad reasons:

1. They associate the litter box with something they don't like

They don't like something about their litter box

At first glance, these may seem to be the two ways of saying the same thing, but there is a subtle difference here. The first reason includes things like pain when urinating or defecating or being trapped in the litter box by a bully cat, whereby the cat associates the litter box with something unpleasant. The second reason is pretty obvious, but is covered in great length further on.

Some cats are perfectly content with their litter box, but may avoid using it because of conflict with other animals. This is a frequent problem in households with multiple cats, and often the unhappy, stressed cat will quickly go back to using his litter box once placed in an environment where he or she is the only cat. Even if there is no social conflict, the "line for the bathroom" can result in a cat using an alternative site if the one litter box in the house is already in use when the cat needs to go!

Other cats want to do the right thing and use their litter box, but have an underlying medical condition that causes them to go elsewhere in your house. If your cat is urinating or defecating outside of the litter box it is always a good idea to have him seen by your veterinarian to rule out a medical problem.

<http://www.petfinder.com/pet-training/cat-wont-use-litter-box.html>



More Volunteers Are Always Welcome and Very Much Needed

Bellwether Harbor is always looking for committed volunteers to help at the shelter. The animals love you for it! Volunteers are needed in all areas including:

- Socializing cats and dogs
- Bathing and grooming animals
- Housekeeping
- Fundraising
- Kennel Cleaning
- Grant Writing
- Special events
- Marketing
- Dog Walking
- Education
- Photography
- Advertising

Volunteers must be 15 years of age or older. For more information about volunteering and how you can help at Bellwether Harbor, visit the shelter or contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Carmen Froehle at 231-924-9230 ext. 3 or carmen@bellwetherharbor.org.

Peebles has launched its fall "30 Days of Giving"

All Peebles customers who visit the Fremont Peebles store September 1-30 were invited to donate to Bellwether Harbor. Customers had the option to donate \$1, \$3, or \$5 during checkout. As a special thank you, Peebles gave every shopper that donated a coupon for 30% off a regular, sale, or clearance item. Peebles is accepted donations through September 30, and the coupon is valid until October 30, 2015.

When the campaign was over, Peebles, was proud to give Bellwether Harbor a check for \$490! Which greatly help with the efforts of caring for the abandoned, abused and neglected dogs and cats in our county.

Last year Peebles, which is part of Stage Stores, Inc., raised over one million dollars for local organizations across the country through the generosity of its customers and associates.

Bellwether Harbor wants to thank Peebles/Stage Stores, Inc. and the people of Fremont for believing in our efforts to create the and support the human animal bond.



Bellwether Harbor's Holiday Open House 2015

December 5th, from 11:00 am—3:00 pm we hope to see come and enjoy some holiday cheer! We look forward to seeing everyone! What makes the year end fundraiser most fun? It's the shelter decorated with greenery and lights, tasty Gourmet baked goods at the bake sale and Santa shows for photos with the family and the pets. Oh! And there will be the Bellwether Boutique for your early Christmas shopping and a micro chip clinic. It is a lot of fun, come and join us! Like Run Forrest Run, money from Bellwether's Holiday Open House fundraiser is used for shelter operations, which continues to supply the dogs and cats with comfort year around. As always, monetary gifts and supplies are greatly needed. Your generosity benefits the animals at Bellwether Harbor. Thank you.



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WoofTrax Take Your Walk for a Dog

What is it? *Walk for a Dog* is a smartphone application that supports local animal organizations like Bellwether Harbor, every time you walk your dog.

How does it work? After you download the app onto your smartphone, take the phone with you when you walk your dog(s). Simply press the "Start Walking for ..." button and the app will keep track of your walk. When your walk is stopped it is credited to your selected shelter or rescue. The more people walking for Bellwether, the more is donated, so please spread the word.



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Is your pet wearing an I.D. tag? ID tags should be worn by your animal at all times. A dog or cat can easily slip out through an open door and run off. The tag should be worn on a properly fitted collar, reducing the chances of the collar slipping off.

Do you have up-to-date information on the ID tag? Make sure to update your pet's ID tag or microchip information immediately when you move or change phone numbers. We offer both services here at Bellwether Harbor. Available anytime are tags which are engraved here while you wait, for a reasonable price. An ID tag will allow anyone who finds your animal to immediately call you or return your dog to your house.

Get your pet(s) Micro Chipped! Microchips are a great source of identifying lost pets; a veterinarian or shelter can scan the chip and bring up the owner's information. Standard ID tags are still highly recommended to use along with a microchip. Microchip clinics are held every second Saturday of the month or by special appointment.

Visit Us On The Web: www.bellwetherharbor.org

Our website has information about Bellwether Harbor, its policies and how to adopt an animal. It also has tips for owners needing to find a home for their cat or dog. An adoption application is accessible on the site, as well as a lot of other useful tips. Find out about dog training. Look at photographs, read bios, and watch videos of Bellwether's amazing pets. Get the latest news with activities or just read up on shelter news. There is also an online volunteer application and a calendar of events.

