



Pet Pawtfolio



A digital scrapbook of my pets

A compilation of photos, meowmemories and stories about cats

Welcome to the Pet Pawtfolio,

Thank you for taking an interest in my furbabies.

Before we learn about their personal stories, I would like to share my reasons for loving black cats.

They really have gotten me through some tough times and I would like to encourage anyone who has ever thought about adopting a black cat to feel confident that their lives will improve (most likely!)

Statistically, black cats are the healthiest and friendliest of all cat colours

They're easy to match to any decor or outfit and tend to look sleek

These cats are intelligent and will spend hours unwittingly entertaining

Cats cheer you up when you are down - who doesn't love a hot water bottle? No need for refills

Black kitties are basically mini house panthers

They have great contrast and are easy to find in the snow

Most importantly, they are less likely to be adopted and they need you!

Now that you have an idea of why I love cats, let's meet mine!



Salem



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Personal details

Full Name	Salem Jasper McConnell-Wong
AKA	Flopsy
Age	5 years old
Colour	Black and white tuxedo
Breed	Shorthair
Special Talents	Can open doors and uses his paws to lift food to his mouth
Quirk	Likes to flop on the floor and roll
Favourite Food	Dreamies
County of Origin	Wicklow
Theme Tune	Ocean Eyes by Billie Eilish

Story

After being in the cat rescue centre for 6 weeks, Salem found a new home with us. He was nearly pushed out of the way by a certain queen, but he was so adorable, we decided to have 2 cats instead of the planned one. Salem brought so much joy into our lives by being absolutely adorably quirky from the start. He is very smart - he can open doors from both sides and likes to feed himself elegantly from the packet. It took him a while to settle in with us. He soft pawed any door, whether open or closed, and he is prone to urinary tract infections that are stress induced. He is very clean and refuses to go to the litter tray unless it has just been attended to by his human. This is sometimes logically difficult and when the service is lacking, Salem has been known to be resourceful by using the bath tub instead. It's always clean and there's plenty of room, it's perfect! 😺 He is our most gentle cat and comes in every morning when we wake up for cuddles, but otherwise prefers to keep to himself and enjoy his stress free life of luxury. If he's excited to see you, he will flop on the floor in front of you, but don't be fooled, he only wants admiration, he'll run if you try to rub his tummy. His favourite place is bed and he likes to keep a few options open, just in case he needs a change of scenery. I hope I come back as Salem in my next life!

Likes 😍

Being fabulous
His own space
Affection, especially headbutts, but only before 9am
Making biscuits
The big 'litter tray'
Two beds, minimum

Dislikes 😡

Other creatures getting too close
THE HOOVER
Moving house
New or fancy food
Being touched on the tummy

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Personal details

Full Name	Neo Felix McConnell-Wong
AKA	Monster
Age	2 years old
Colour	Black
Breed	Shorthair
Special Talents	Needing only 3 limbs to achieve anything
Quirk	Shreds boxes
Favourite Food	Any and all, especially if it's not his
County of Origin	Leitrim
Theme Tune	Monster by Paramore

Story

Neo is a contradiction. He is so full of life and joy and energy and rage and mischief and love 😺 When our older cat Evie passed away, Salem was lonely so we went to the rescue and spent ages looking for an older cat, but the place was coming down with kittens and all the older cats had conditions that meant they were staying in the rescue for life. Eventually, we came across Neo. At 6 months old, we thought he'd be a perfect friend for sweet Salem - with 3 legs and an insatiable need for love and affection, he was ideal. For about 2 days. Since then, Neo has ruled the roost. He decides when we eat, play, rest and work. He has amazed me with his incredible determination to do anything his friends can do, despite having one back leg. We don't know if it was an accident or a congenital anomaly, but Neo certainly proves that a cat with 3 legs is not to be underestimated. He is happiest in my arms, being carried around and shown everything - he's very inquisitive. If my arms get tired, he has no issues climbing up on whatever surface is available. His favourite tactic is to use his front legs to haul himself up. This can be a surprise when he has decided to do this to your leg or your back - you have been warned. His current favourite activities are watching YouTube videos of birds or fish, and keeping watch from the high tower - these circles were originally designed to be a quiet room for Salem and Lucy, but in typical Neo fashion he was the 1st one to the top. He is named after the lead character from The Matrix, because he moves so fast.

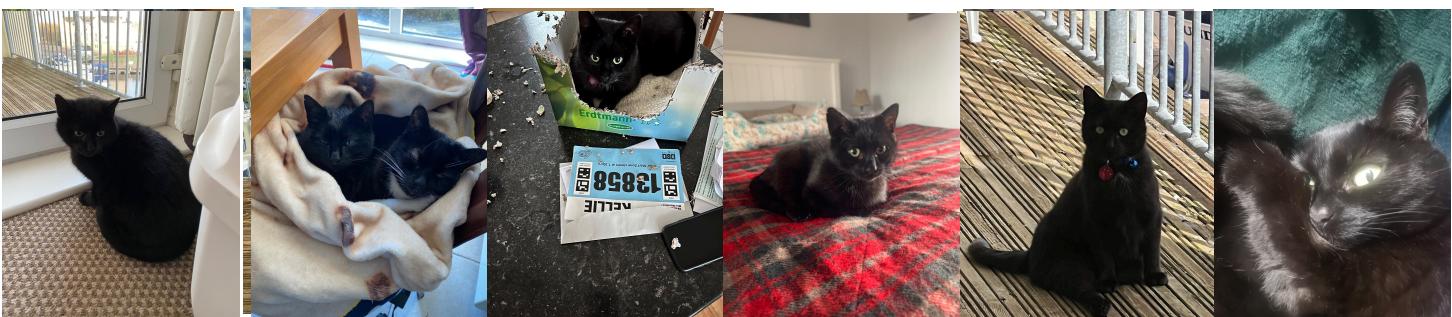
Likes

Zoomies every morning, 3-5am
Galloping everywhere at high speed
Vengeance
Eating so fast he throws up
Watching nature videos
Being carried around like a baby
Cuddles and kisses

Dislikes

Human children
Being constrained
Being ignored
Having his food confiscated for 5 minutes
Quiet
Brushing near his tail

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Lucy



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Personal details

Full Name	Princess Luciana
AKA	Lucy
Age	4 years old
Colour	Grey
Breed	British Blue Shorthair
Special Talents	Manufactures a lot of floof
Quirk	Likes to flop on the floor and roll
Favourite Food	Chicken
County of Origin	Wexford
Theme Tune	When We First Met by HelloGoodbye

Story

Lucy has an actual birth certificate because she's a posh girl! She came to live with us about 6 months ago from Wexford when her people had to downsize from 9 cats. I do love the drama of the silky black coats, but no one could argue that Lucy is not stunningly beautiful. She is a pedigree British Blue Shorthair, which in actuality means that she has quite long, fluffy fur in a beautiful grey - at least she's still monochrome. We decided not to give her our double barreled surname, what with her being royalty and all, better to keep things simple. She still hasn't quite gotten used to Neo yet so she enjoys some time sleeping on her favourite chair most days, but she's a hunter by night! She adores playing, she's so stealthy she's almost silent and she would easily beat me in a short sprint. Lucy has significantly increased how much fluff there is in our living space. We brush her regularly and she produces enough fur to knit herself a full outfit. I have accepted that I am the cat lady and there will be a bit of cat hair on me most days, and thank goodness because one hug with Lucy necessitates a full outfit change otherwise. This is how her theme song was inspired. She's much better behaved than Neo so she gets to stay in our bedroom most nights and as she sleeps she occasionally makes the most adorable little snuffle noises because her nose is shorter than the average cat. This also means I have to wipe her eyes with lukewarm water to keep her comfortable. Lucy knows her mind and when she sees me with the tissue, she disappears like a flash. We're so happy Lucy has joined us and we hope she's having a great time.

Likes

- Being the main character
- Finding a hidden nook and going for a nap
- Chin rubs
- Yoga
- Sunbathing
- Playing with her toys

Dislikes

- Being brushed
- Having her eyes cleaned
- Being picked up
- Not being in charge
- Mornings
- Her little brother being extra





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In Meowmory

Full Name	Eva Rose McConnell-Wong
AKA	Evie
Age	12 years old
Colour	Black
Breed	Shorthair
Special Talents	Impersonating a perfect circle pillow
Quirk	Got travel sick every car journey, PB 500m
Favourite Food	Tuna
County of Origin	Wicklow
Theme Tune	The Cuppycake Song by Buddy Castle



In celebration of Evie

Our darling Evie was our first cat. She had a signature determination and poise, and we feel very lucky that she decided that she was coming home with us from the shelter. You may remember I mentioned a certain someone got in front of Salem. Evie meowed very loudly and clearly, did multiple figure of 8s around my ankles and her message was unmistakable. She wanted to come home with us. Sadly, her person had passed away and she had had 6 weeks in the cat rescue and our queen needed an improvement in her living standards asap!

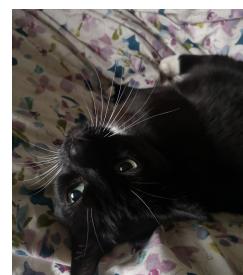
From the beginning, Evie knew how to run the place. She had lived a life before we met and she had such a kind and calming presence. She was a proficient housekeeper, a litter tray expert. She played with toys with precision and strength. Salem didn't have a look in, Evie was boss. She would curl up in our laps and loved to be petted. Her black fur was silky and soft, with a few single longer white hairs interspersed every so often - the stars in her night sky.

She hated the car with a passion and would yowl in protest. As a passenger, I became skilled in catching her puke in a disposable lunch box. She could run quite fast, but she didn't like heights, the vet said she had arthritis in her hips. She adored tuna for dinner and could identify the sound of the tin opening from a distance and from a deep sleep, she would run towards us, sitting proud on her sparkly princess pillow waiting for dinner to be served. She loved naps, her favourite spot was perched on top of me, and was indignant if she was woken. She could curl up into a circle and liked to put her paw over her eyes to keep out the light.

After 2 wonderful years, our beloved girl became very sick at the start of November 2021. After 6 agonising weeks of trying every treatment and test and specialist and watching her go downhill, the vets advised us to make the devastating decision to let her go.

We'll always miss you Evie, we hope you're at peace. I'm so sorry your last few weeks were hard. Thank you for being in our lives, we will treasure every memory. You are forever loved.

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Email address

Telephone

How many pets do you have?

What kind are they? (Checkbox)

Cat

Dog

Rabbit

Horse

Other Please specify

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