I am a HUGE believer in animal therapy.

Let's face it, after a long day, who DOESN'T love a snuggle with a kitten? Our fur babies provide us with UNCONDITIONAL love. They are there for us on our best days, and even more importantly on our very worst days. I can vouch for that.

3 years ago, I walked out of the hospital my husband had just died in. My world had just been blown completely apart. And nothing reminded me how truly alone I was now more than crawling in our big empty bed without him. Luckily, my fur babies were quick to jump up and snuggle with me. They licked my tears, and stayed by my side as if they could sense how desperately I needed their comfort.

There are countless ways that animals actually benefit our health, but I know ownership of animals isn't always attainable and sometimes it is cost prohibitive. Maine Coon cats are not cheap, but boy are they worth it. There are families out there that would be the purrfect family for our kittens, but financially they can not purchase. I want to help. I can't help every family in need...I wish I could! But for those families that I can help, the gift of giving them their own kitty to love and receive love from fills my heart.

Being a widow myself, I can definitely identify with a widow wanting a companion. There are Veterans who suffer horribly from PTSD. There are families struggling with serious illnesses. Everyone knows someone in need. If you know someone who would benefit from the unconditional love of one of our kitties, please reach out to me in an email and tell me about them. For obvious reasons, please ask them before contacting me. We need to make sure they WANT a kitty, and that they (or anyone in their home) are not allergic to cats.

Sometimes, people can't keep the kittens they purchase for one reason or another, and when this happens I bring the kitties back to my home. They are vet checked to ensure they are healthy and then I will re-home them with a family in need.

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