

VVCC's Pets Count Too! helps Neighbor's Cat

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Merrie sits in pink as her ten year old Main Coon- Munchkin pounces onto her lap and begins purring happily. Verde Valley Caregivers Coalition has helped Merrie since 2012 providing friendly visits, driving her to the bank, store, bringing pantry, and providing pet services. Merrie points to her lap and says "this is Murphy and that is Ozzy Cat." Merrie deals with chronic pain, diabetes, depression and anxiety. Murphy and Ozzy Cat act as therapy cats.

"VVCC provides a lot of services that help me which include helping me with my Murphy." Murphy was recently diagnosed with arthritis. "I knew something was wrong with his hips and at first I thought his microchip had moved. When Kim Meller (Operations & Mobility Manager) stopped by to bring me fruits and vegetables, I told her something was wrong with Murphy and she told me VVCC could help." VVCC took Murphy to the veterinarian and paid for expenses.

VVCC has made Merrie's daily life livable, pleasant and fuller. "I deal with chronic pain which immobilizes me. When I am up against a wall I know I can call VVCC and they will point me in the right direction."

Merrie reminds us when you help someone, it makes a tremendous difference in their daily life and that volunteer work is not a full time job.

"You don't need to volunteer every day. You can fill in spots here and there for a couple hours." Merrie recalled that VVCC has provided many nice caregivers and volunteers who have helped her accomplish the tasks she needs to do on a daily basis. "Without VVCC I would have gone without a lot." When you volunteer for VVCC you pick the time and place to help neighbors in need.



Merrie sits with Murphy, her Maine Coon