

The health and emotional benefits of pets are well-documented, yet many seniors don't feel that they can share their homes with a pet. Some are worried about who will care for the pet in the event that they can't, and others may not be able to transport them to the vet when needed.



Our older and special needs cats yearn for a warm lap and a human to cuddle but many may never have that chance.

Though they are often calm and loving, most people looking to adopt are interested in kittens or younger cats.

The Independent Cat Society has a win-win solution—seniors can partner with senior or special needs cats for the benefit of both!

Here's how it works:

- ICS will place a Purrfect Partner cat in permanent foster care with qualified seniors at no cost.
- Participants can choose their Purrfect Partner from a book of available cats.
- ICS will be responsible for all costs associated with veterinary care and transportation to the vet as needed.
- A Purrfect Partner Counselor will come to your home once a month to trim nails and do a health checkup. Counselors will also be available by phone in case of problems or questions.

Should it ever become necessary, the cats will return to the ICS.

Do you or someone you know have a spot on your lap for a good friend just waiting for somebody to love? Give us a call at 219-785-4936 and leave a message for the Purrfect Partners Program Coordinator.



Some of the many ways you can help support ICS and its residents:

- Socializing
- Playing
- Grooming
- Cleaning at the shelter
- Transporting cats to vets
- Medicating and Feeding
- Fundraising
- Fostering cats in your home

For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, visit the ICS website at [www.catsociety.org](http://www.catsociety.org), or call us at 219-785-4936, or stop by and see us. We're located on the corner of County Line Road and US Highway 6 in Westville. We're open Saturday 10 a.m. to 4p.m. & Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.



**Purrfect Partners**  
P.O. Box 735  
Westville, IN 46391  
219-785-4936  
[www.catsociety.org](http://www.catsociety.org)

# Purrfect Partners



*photo courtesy of Steve Peterka and the News Dispatch*

The Independent Cat Society has a win-win solution—seniors can partner with senior or special needs cats for the benefit of both!