

The CatChannel Newswire

Hot Topics Edition: In case you missed them, here are the stories cat lovers were buzzing about last week.

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Small Grief and Dealing With the Rainbow Bridge

Normal to feel angry. Normal to feel guilty. Normal to feel sad. Normal to hallucinate. That's what I learned recently when my cat Velma died, reports the Huffington Post.

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A Patchwork of Food Assistance for Pets

Animal shelters have reported a steep rise in the number of cats and dogs being surrendered as owners face unemployment, home foreclosures, evictions and other financial hardships. But animal welfare groups and even churches are stepping up with bags of kibble and containers of cat litter to help owners keep their pets and to prevent more from being sent to shelters, and sometimes death, reports the New York Times.

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Cats Are Trainable - And That's Not a Punchline

Training cats isn't just for professionals — human or feline. The Michigan Humane Society has a Pawsitive Start program that uses volunteers to train cats in their shelter in useful and fun behaviors like the high-five and walking into a carrier, reports MSNBC.com.

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