



# KATS' TALES

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## WHAT DO DIFFERENT CAT MEOW SOUNDS MEAN? (conclusion) By Kellie B. Gormly

4. The 'Feed Me now, Human': "Meow! Meowww!" Different cats have different ways of communicating their impatience and hunger. In my house, an increasingly loud and incessant "Meow! Meowww! Meowww!" means "Get off your lazy butt and feed me already, human!" You'll also hear this caterwauling if your cat is asking for something else—to be let out of a room, for instance, and you're not listening. The longer you ignore it, the louder and more insistent this meowing gets.

5. The Kitten Squeak: "Meeew!" Oh, that high-pitched squeaky mew of a baby kitty. It will melt the feline lover's heart! Note that if an adult cat lets out a strong, high-pitched meow, it is a screech, rather than a cute kitten squeak, and the cat is upset about something.

6. The One-Syllable Chirp: "Meh!" or "Eh!" This is a quick, staccato "Meh!" or "Eh!" to seem to serve as a conversational filler or greeting. My cats often do this when they approach me for affection or just have a dialogue with me. St. Louis-area resident Jaime Ingle has two Maine Coons, Pumpkin and Daisy. She hears this "Meow eh!" chirp from Daisy when she gets her human up in the morning, as if she is saying "Good morning, Mom!" (As for Pumpkin, she employs a distinctive scratchy "Me-yowww!" while she rubs against Ingle's legs, begging for treats.) Amanda Tatala, who lives in the Pittsburgh area, has recognized in her Tiger a short "Mrra!" meow, which she translates as a recognition-based "Oh there you are!" or "Yay, you noticed me!" "I've noticed he does it more often when I know he's hungry," Tatala says. "Yay, you noticed me...now put something in my dish!" While meows may provide fun listening, take note if your cat's meowing patterns change, Krieger cautions. It could indicate an illness, like senility or a thyroid problem. "If the cat starts doing an incessant meowing or a different kind of meowing—something that is not usual and does it a few times—there might be something wrong, and the cat needs to be examined by a veterinarian," she says. *Kelly B. Gormly is a Pittsburgh-based journalist otherwise known as Mother Catresa to homeless kittens and cats. She blogs about her adventures in fostering at mothercatresaschronicle.blogspot.com (Source: catster.com; 9/27/17; retrieved 10/3/17)*



Sweet Cinco was out on the streets of St. Johnsbury since at least 2005, down near Allen Lumber. A good Samaritan fed him all those years, initially got him his shots, and had him neutered. He was trapped this year and brought to us. He is one very special, friendly boy who loves to talk to you, totally enjoys a good meal, and relishes having his belly rubbed. It is amazing that, after all that time on his own, he quickly became trusting and affectionate. This little old man deserves a quiet, safe, and caring home in his later years.

### \*UPCOMING EVENTS\*

- **December 9 Photos with Santa Paws 10:00 to 2:00 at our future new home 1161 Portland St., St. Johnsbury**
- **Dec. 13-24 Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle (check out our webpage and FB page for more details)**

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Did you know... A cat's jaw has only up and down motion; it does not have any lateral, side to side motion, like dogs and humans.

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### PHOTOS WITH SANTA PAWS

Check out our new (future) location and have your pet's picture taken on December 9th from 10 to 2:00, 1161 Portland Street, next to Wes Ward Auto. There will be a bake sale, \$10 nail trims by Deanna from Kingdom Canine, and raffle tickets on sale for the 12 days of Christmas daily prizes raffle. Tickets are also available at Locally Social Coffee in St. Johnsbury.

**\*\* MONTHLY FEATURE \*\*** SEPTEMBER ADOPTIONS: Tesla, Sparky, Liam, Tinkerbelle, Luna2014, Peter Pan, Salvador, and Mona

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