

# *The pet of the month is...*

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## *Penelope*



Penelope is a 22 year old white domestic long hair owned by Betty and Albert Parrott. Albert and Betty adopted Penelope 7 years ago from Albert's sister when family allergies became a problem. When Penelope came to Betty and Albert's house she had to adjust to living with bigger dogs. She adapted quickly and now acts like she is a little dog and not a cat. She will very easily put the dogs in their place. Penelope loves to be in the living room and sleep on the couch in a tent made out of a beach towel. But her absolute favorite place to sleep is on the bed in Betty and Albert's room. She has stairs that she uses to get onto her "beds" because she no longer has strong legs. However where there is a will there is a way, Penelope can leap from the bed to her owners lap if desired. She loves to sleep but can be woken up to chase the sheets when the bed is being made. She has a bowl of water in the bedroom for drinking that she loves and she will wake Betty and Albert up fill the bowl if it is empty.

Penelope prefers dry food but will eat some wet food. Her brand of choice at this time is Sheba brand canned food. Betty thinks this is because she knows the name Sheba - one of her house mates name is Sheba. She loves Whisker Lickins cat treats; preferring the chicken flavored treats over the fish flavored treats. Betty was very surprised when Penelope walked up to Albert while he was eating Flamin' Hot Cheetos and took a bite of one a while back.

Albert and Betty had always thought that Penelope was a very tolerant cat and this was demonstrated early on in their life together. Penelope had an abscess; the doctor started treating her with one type of antibiotic and then determined that there were two different types of bacteria present in the abscess so they started her on a different type of antibiotic as well. It took quite a while for the abscess to clear up and Penelope handled it very well. Penelope has developed a few manageable age-related health concerns. She has hyperthyroidism, which is common in senior cats. She receives medication for this and is doing well. She also developed hypertension as well which is being controlled with medication. Also she has some minor kidney issues that are being managed with Hills Prescription K/D diet along with her special "Sheba" canned food.

All in all, Penelope has a wonderful life thanks to her loving and caring owners. We have enjoyed helping the Parrott family with their pets for the past 5 years.