

# The Week New York

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## The cat's meow



Lil BUB

New York City's first kittycentric symposium, Cat Camp, comes to town to satisfy all your cat-loving heart's desires. By *Dorkys Ramos*

**WHETHER YOU'RE A** proud cat parent or just have a feline affinity, the brand-new Cat Camp offers something for kitty lovers of all kinds. The two-day fair features educational discussions on caring for domestic cats and supporting rescue efforts, a feline-inclined marketplace, celebrity kitty sightings and adoptable cats—so you can finally take home a furry friend in need. Here are all the *paw*-some things to do!

### **Adoptable furballs!**

If you can't bear to go home without a new friend, Kittyland hosts an adoption center with a special section dedicated to senior and special-needs cats. We dare you to look into those big eyes and walk away empty-handed.

### **Celebrity cats!**

Meet and greet with

Lil BUB, a special-needs rescue cat that's become a published author, talk show host and documentary star and has helped raise more than \$500,000 for animals in need. Then get to know the folks behind some of your favorite internet cats, including Instagram's George & Wheezy and Pork & Beans (Sat 11 11am–12:30pm), as well as Jackson Galaxy, host of Animal Planet's *My Cat from Hell* (Sat 11 at 7pm; Sun 12 at 3, 5pm).

### **Feline design!**

Do people call you a crazy cat person? Embrace it. Kate Benjamin of Hauspanther shares interior design tips to create a cat-friendly home without sacrificing style or leaving guests hightailing it out of there (Sun 12 noon–1:30pm).

### **Kitty cafés!**

You can't bring your own cat to the event, but there will be plenty of critters to cuddle thanks to Meow Parlour, NYC's first permanent cat café. Its cofounder and Cat Camp organizer Christina Ha sits down with Adam Myatt of Oakland's Cat Town Cafe and Adoption Center to chat about what they've learned from their cat ventures (Sat 11 at 11:30am).

### **Puss in booties!**

Vendors sell cat beds (in the shape of a giant bootie, courtesy of Napping JoJo), toys, all-natural treats and pet-care services as well as cat-related products for their doting humans.

### **Rescue rangers!**

A lineup of cat experts provide info and resources to ensure the well-being of our four-legged companions, including Hannah Shaw, founder of rescue and advocacy project Kitten Lady (Sat 11 at 3:30pm); Dr. Jennifer Conrad, founder of the Paw Project (Sun 12 at 3:30pm); and cat behavior consultant Beth Adelman (Sun 12 at 4:30pm). Don't miss Motor Kitty Rescue's panel discussion "Saving Lives: Cat Rescue Strategies and Networking" to learn how you can help the cause (Sat 11 at 5pm).



→ Cat Camp is at Metropolitan Pavilion Sat 11 and Sun 12 (catcampnyc.com). \$13–\$150.