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Cat Travels to Seattle Cat Café with Help from Delta Employees

Duluth, GA: It wasn't easy, but with the help of Delta Animal Rescue Transport, our special Feline Leukemia (FeLV) kitty Molly is in Seattle waiting to find her forever home at Neko Cat Café. Molly was rescued in Gwinnett County as part of a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) effort, but her wonderful personality earned her a spot in Planned PETHood's rescue program that would lead to a wild cross-county journey.

In Gwinnett County, there are approximately 20,000 unowned "community cats." These are cats that do not have owners, like Molly, but often have members of the community who feed and care for them. Planned PETHood works closely with Gwinnett Animal Welfare to Trap, Neuter, and Return these cats to their home sites. They are vaccinated and altered so they cannot add to the population.

While Molly's stellar personality would be a draw for any adopter, her medical condition proved to be a serious challenge in finding an adoptive home. She tested positive for a viral disease called Feline Leukemia (FeLV) which is highly contagious to other cats.

We searched for other rescues with programs for cats like her, but that list is miniscule and those with programs have long waiting lists. We were running out of options, until we heard about Neko Cat Café in Seattle, WA. Neko Cat Café serves coffee, alcohol and light nibbles in the company of adoptable cats, including FeLV positive kitties. It seemed like a long shot, but we promised to find her a safe place, so we applied for Molly to enter their care. She was accepted!

We were elated, but how could we get her 2,700 miles from Atlanta to Seattle? The stars aligned, and we connected with Delta Animal Rescue Transport (DART). These passionate Delta Airline employees volunteer their time and free travel to transport rescue pets across the U.S. In late April, Molly made the incredible journey to Seattle with a DART volunteer. She settled in within 10 minutes of arrival and has made herself comfortable.

Molly is now a well-traveled girl, and will be charming her way into everyone's hearts in Seattle! Thanks to a village of caring individuals who came together, Molly will have a wonderful life. Together, we can make a difference if we all play a small role in a big picture.

About Planned PETHood of Georgia: Planned PETHood of Georgia offers a wide range of services for pet owners, including high-quality, low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, affordable vaccine clinics, adoptions, and care for community cats. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Learn more about our services at www.PETHoodGA.org

Learn more about Neko Cat Café at <https://nekoseattle.com/>

Learn more about Delta Animal Rescue Transport (DART) at <https://dartrescuetransport.com/>

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