



## Welcome to the Manor at Perry Village, Popsicle!



Some of you may have seen a large cat being pushed around the facility in a wheelchair. Well, that is **Popsicle**. He is in pet therapy training. Popsicle and his owner **Chris** has been visiting residents every Thursday morning. He is an orange and white domestic short hair cat (this coloring is often referred to as a creamside...hence that is how he received his name.) He is three years old and weights 20 pounds. Often when the residents see him, we hear, "I've never seen a cat that big." He was adopted from Angel Pet Services in Dauphin when he was approximately 6 months old. Popsicle is training to be registered as a Therapy Cat with Keystone Pet Enhancement Therapy Services. The requirements for registration include a behavioral assessment from both a Therapy Pet Evaluator and the veterinarian along with a physical examination. Requirements for the pet is to be well socialized, adaptable, and to get along with other animals/strangers. Cats need front paws declawed, sit nice on lap/pillow (or ride in a wheelchair like Popsicle). All pets need to be current in all their vaccinations, rabies shots, and annual physical exams. Popsicle has filled a need for the many cat-lovers who reside at the Manor at Perry Village. When he visits, he makes himself at home. He enjoys the attention he receives as well as giving attention to his new friends. Welcome Popsicle. We're glad to have you as an addition to our recreational program.

