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Cat cafe portland maine

Did you know that Maine has a cat café? Ok, it's not an official cat café, but you can enjoy your breakfast or lunch with cats and dogs! This farmhouse serves a great fresh meal with the cutest dining companions. Nezinscot Farm Cafe is Maine's version of a cat cafe with dog bonuses. Count Cats Cat close to this sweetie! I had a hard time even getting into the restaurant, an adorable tiger cat lounging on an outside table. I knew immediately that Nezinscot Farm mine was my kind of place! The café and shop are part of a farmhouse. The relaxed, homely atmosphere welcomes you as soon as you arrive. Before I could look at the menu I spied on cat #2 on a wooden chair as soon as I got in I quickly took a seat next to this cute cat. Nezinscot Farm serves breakfast, brunch and lunch until 10:00. The menu was full of things I wanted to try, a recurring visit is in the store. I ordered extra chocolate chip pancakes with a side of home fries, Frank had an egg, cheese and bacon sandwich. If we stayed until lunch (we almost did!) I would have tried the house grilled cheese with the choice of hard or soft cheese made on the farm. I would also have had poutine, I can't resist trying it wherever I go. Frank was eyeing the House Reuben burger if I couldn't be carried away from all the cute cats. Eat with cats and dogs After ordering breakfast Frank settled into a rocking chair to enjoy his coffee. I went to explore the shop, in part to see if I could find the other two cat dwellers. I found a cute gray cat sitting politely on a long farmers table with a group enjoying their breakfast. All the animals at Nezinscot Farm were very well behaved, they sat still and watched everyone but never begged or got on the tables inside. The shop kept me busy while I waited for breakfast. I found lots of homemade pastries, farm fresh cheeses, gifts, herbal remedies and even a fiber studio upstairs. He looks fake, but it's a real cat, he was so good at just sitting and watching all the dining! When our breakfast arrived I enjoyed it with a cute cat on the chair next to me. One of the farm dogs tried to convince me that chocolate was fine for dogs, I didn't fall for his puppy dog eyes though! Everything was delicious, but the standouts were the tasteful home fries and Equal Exchange coffee. We couldn't resist bringing home some baked goods too, we chose a coconut doughnut and a Bliss bar. Life on the farm After breakfast we walked across the street to check out the animals in the barn. Goats and sheep along with their super cute babies came running over to say hello. We wandered past chickens, cows and another area with several goats. Dairy goats really enjoyed a good head scratching. The farm dog rolled over for a belly rub as we walked past. All the animals on the Nezinscot farm were friendly and sweet. Nezinscot Farm is more than just a place to eat, it's an experience, a real New England farm for table meal and look into farm life. If you are in the Turner, Maine area, we highly recommend stopping for this must experience at this Maine cat café of sorts! Nezinscot Farm also offers events, workshops and classes, so check their schedule. Looking for more animal adventures in Maine - try a moose tour! Heading out for a hike in Maine? We have a great hike in Maine on our best hiking in New England list. For all Maine head to Visit Maine for even more! Related Purrington's Cat Lounge opened its doors over the weekend in northeast Portland, Oregon, making it the very first cat cafe in town, and the latest in a growing trend for cat cafes in North America. The first cat cafe ever opened in 1998 in Taiwan, and it has taken nearly a decade and a half for the trend to start popping up in the United States. So far, the American cat cafe phenomenon has been... Uneven. From corporately promotional to direct cat-astrophe, American cat cafes are still finding their feet (er, paws), and so far no one has reached frisky heights, say, the Curl-Up Cafe in Tokyo or Les Cafe des Chats in Paris. We here at Sprudge are lovers of both coffee and cats, and much of our editorial staff lives in Portland. We just had to go. I entered purringtons and was immediately greeted by a group of happy staff. Welcome to Purringtons! Do you have a reservation? I didn't. It's okay, the employee assured us, if anyone cancels we can squeeze you in! Within minutes a place opened, give me an hour of kitties. The square itself at Purringtons is divided into two parts: a café where food and drink are prepared, and a cat lounge where the cats hang out. A maximum of twenty people are allowed in the lounge per hour agreement block. Waiting for my hour to begin, I ordered a coffee and a cat-shaped cookie and sat in front of the windows overlooking the lounge. Inside, people ate charcuterie and sipped wine, while others used laser pointers and dangly toys to interact with cats. A nervous child was sitting on his father's lap when Dad snuck some beer and mom tried to coax one of the cats out of a cubby. An attendant wearing a Cat Flag t-shirt made sure all rules were followed, and cats and people played nice. My cookie was delicious, though I wondered if its quirky cat shape was appropriate. Wouldn't a mouse make more sense? Why would I eat a cat? Those sitting next to me snacked on deviled eggs and a massive cheese platter. On top of house-made foods, Purringtons offers a wide selection of wines and beers, along with batch brew coffee roasted by Portland's Extracto Coffee Roasters. If I can be real for someone else, the idea of cat cafes kind of grosses me out. Don't get me I love love Actually, adore them. And of course I love coffee. Putting the two together seems great on paper, but the idea of lots of cats and lots of people and cat hair in my coffee... it just, it just doesn't seem right. Purringtons was my first cat cafe experience IRL and it made me wary. The previous group shuffled out of the lounge and my group was finally let in. Cat Flag attendant debriefed us on the rules (told us to disinfect our hands, asked us not to pick up cats) and with that we were off. The cats, nine of them completely, are all up for adoption. Some were in a back room (kitty green room) where they get to take a break from people. Most were out and about, flopping passively on a bounty of cat furniture and scraping posts. It wasn't disgusting. It was sweet. The lounge itself was clean and well maintained. Cleaner, honestly, than a lot of cafes in Portland that "don't" have cats. My group was quiet and polite, and as the hour went on, the news of our shared kitty experience actually opened people up. We interacted with each other in a real way. The cats brought out the best in us. Other cat cafes have a clinical feel, beige walls. We wanted something a little more lively, co-owner Sergio Castillo told me, pointing to the huge Aladdin Sane-era David Bowie cat mural painted on the wall of the lounge. Husband and wife Sergio and Kristen Castillo began the process of opening purringtons-which is also their first cafe-last year. They teamed up with the Cat Adoption Team and tried to provide a service to homeless cats instead of an entertainment venue with a permanent collection of cat dwellers. I asked if the Purringtons could consider expanding their coffee options-right now it's batch brew only-and Castillos seemed open to the idea, but the cost of an espresso machine is ultimately what keeps them from moving forward. Sergio Castillo tells me I could buy a Smart car with the money it costs to buy an espresso machine! I hear that, brother, and he's not wrong, but a smart car can't steam a saucer of milk. For now, customers can groove on delicious drop coffee while relaxing with a cat or two (or nine). The American cat cafe cultural moment is just beginning; it's a perfect storm of urban small business ownership, internet cat virality, and social do-goodery. I hope that every one of these love muffins finds an eternal home so that Castile can introduce a new clowder of cat friends to relax with. And besides, I hope that when a cat cafe inevitably comes to a neighborhood near you, it's done with the level of care, respect and love evident at Purringtons. Zachary Carlsen is co-founder of Sprudge.com Tags: Cat CafeCatsNorth AmericaOrgonPortlandUnited States Hey, where are Maine cat cafes? Sorry kit kats, this cat loving condition is still looking its first cat café. The state with its own official

state cat-Maine coon of course- has yet to welcome our fave cat loving business. With the second highest cat ownership in the nation, we can only guess that Downeasters are busy cozying up with their own kittens at home. Or travel to the nearest cat cafe in Massachusetts. The American Pet Ownership & Demographics Sourcebook also ranks Maine in the top five states for pet lovers. So if you're looking for a promising cat cafe option, Maine may be just the place. That's right: Maine is one of the best states in the country for finding your fellow cat people. Maine may have the lightest population density east of the Mississippi, but they lead Google searches for cats. Yup, for five years running Mainers has searched for cats on Google more than any other state in the country. Maybe Mainers like to watch cat videos during the long Down East winters? In fact, yes, Google data says they do-our kinda people! Or maybe Mainers simply prefer another drink offering to caffeine centric cafes found in other states? So while you won't yet find any cat cafes in Maine, you can visit a brewery cat. Or at least a brewery with a resident cat! The long-standing tradition of brewers working cats guarding brewery grains sees a major revival with the growth of craft breweries. So while you're waiting to have coffee with adoptive Maine cats, why not belly up to the bar with a working cat to enjoy a nice farmhouse ale? Head to Odd Alewives Farm Brewery in Waldoboro for a chance to meet Rocket. Requiring equal parts ale ambassador, marketing genius, mouser, and regular cat, being a brewery cat is a great job. Rocket Odd Alewives Farm Brewery cat/Instagram You can find Rocket in the tasting room barn, or out on patrol. Either way, you won't find a better way to meet Maine cats. Rocket, Oddwives Alehouse Farm Brewery Cat/Instagram About twelve miles down the road, visit another brewery cat, Dizzy of Oxbow Brewing Company. If you can't get in there in person, follow Dizzy's very own Instagram. Dizzy Oxbow Brewing Company Cat/Instagram Oxbow Brewing Company/Instagram We say goodbye to brewery cats! We can definitely raise a glass of brewery cats while we wait at Maine cat cafes! Cafes!

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