



***In Loving Memory of Pinecone  
1994 – 2011***

Pinecone, the beloved Maine Coon Cat of Lisa, Dan, Amanda and Bennett Reck passed way on 10.31.11. Pinecone served as an inspiration to Tails of Hope Foundation. He was diagnosed with feline vaccine related sarcoma 6 years ago and was successfully treated with advanced veterinary cancer care by Dr. Rachel St-Vincent at the Advanced Veterinary Cancer Care Specialty Center (AVC) in Newburgh, NY. While Pinecone was undergoing treatment, Amanda at the time a Girl Scout Gold Award candidate, selected Tails of Hope Foundation for her Gold Award Project as a tribute to Pinecone. Amanda designed and built a Four-season Meditation Garden to comfort other companion animals and their humans. The beautiful garden thrives today.

In 2007 Amanda was appointed as the then youngest Public Advisory Board Member of Tails of Hope, still holds that position today and has recently been appointed to serve as Tails of Hope's Youth Ambassador to a national program under development.

Amanda graduated earlier this year from Johns Hopkins University. Pinecone has been with

Amanda every step of the way. He even went to her college interviews in a stroller. Pinecone's portrait, painted by Bennett, is hanging in the waiting room of AVC having been showcased in the inaugural Pets and Cancer Photography Exhibit created by Tails of Hope.

The Reck family is grateful to have had the extra 6 years with Pinecone. We know that no amount of time is ever long enough with our beloved companions. We wish they could live forever. Tails of Hope Foundation, along with Pinecone's family, will dearly miss him. He will always remain as an inspiration to his family, us and those who read his story. God speed to you dear Pinecone.