Halfway Home Pet Rescue
Feline Rescue & Rehabilitation
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Norma’s Notes

Another busy and productive year for our Halfway Home volunteers. We were able to receive $44,000 in spay/neuter grant funding from the Maine Community Foundation and the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation all designated to Spay/neuter low-income family cats. The COVID-19 required we pull back on the Spay-a-Rama. But we were able to sterilize 35 more cats in small clinics before the lockdown.

We have over 100 low-income families on our waiting list for when the clinics start up again. In addition we were able to pay for our sister shelter, The Central Aroostook Humane Society in Presque Isle, to sterilize 14 of their adoptable cats. We networked with Houlton Humane on grant writing & mutual needs. We transported another 30 of our cats to the Animal Refuge League in Greater Portland (ARLGP). Networking – sharing our blessings is the heart & soul of the HHPR volunteer mission.

We are attaching a simplified version of the Spay-a-Rama application (see back page). Please pass it on to a family in need of sterilization financial assistance. Thank you for all you do and to our dedicated volunteers I send a big social distance hug for their faithful work of our homeless animals. God Bless and STAY SAFE.

Respectfully,
Norma Milton

Halfway Home Pet Rescue

Donate your returnable bottles & cans to HHPR by leaving them in bags at 11 Pioneer Avenue, Caribou in the garage OR use the blue Parson Street Redemption boxes and label your bag for HHPR.
Thank you!

Cans & Bottles

A special THANK YOU to MMG Insurance Co. of Presque Isle, ME for donating the printing of our newsletter.
I Want to Go Home...

Haley

Haley is a 12 year old spayed loving, short-hair female cat whose owner died and she is in need of a loving, quiet new home. Haley is a very mellow, She is a I love you type of personality who easily adjusts in a short time. She adores the Temptation Treats and readily gives kisses on demand. She is fine with other cats and she is NOT one to pick a fight. She would good with any well-mannered child. Her adoption fee is $25.

Nicky and Donnie

Nicky and Donnie are very playful neutered 4 year old, short-hair male cats. They both came in as a feral cat and have domesticated. They do still delight in their predator personality and would do well as an inside/outside cat on a farm or home with large piece of land with little traffic. They will take a little time acclimate to new people & places but will then be good close friends with their owners. Their independent attitude would be best with older children – no toddlers. Nicky & Donnie have been best friends for 4 years & feel lost without each other & will grieve. They NEED to go together. Adoption fee $30 for the two.

Sassy

Sassy is a petite, 1 1/2 yr. old active, spayed female cat. She is best friends with Nicky & Donnie but if she can't be adopted with them she is willing to make new friends. After a time of getting used to a new home, she would be OK as an inside/outside cat in an area with little traffic. She is very playful & smart & still has her predator personality to mouse. She is an independent spirit so not sure about very young children. Her adoption fee is $25.

Shelley & Sierra

Beautiful Shelley & Sierra came as feral sisters nursing 8 kittens in 2018. The 8 kittens were domesticated & adopted into good homes. Their mothers have lived at the Adoption Center learning to trust & love HHPR volunteers. Shelley who had the most difficult adjustment, is now very friendly, but hesitant to be picked up. Sierra made early progress but then decided she liked cats more than people. The sisters are not bonded. Their medical is done including spaying. Each will need a patient owner willing to give them time to adjust. They both have retained their predator personality to mouse. Adoption fee is $25 each.
For Sale

This 6 ft. Grandfather’s clock has a value of $900 & is donated to HHPR to resell for the cats’ benefit. It has the sun & the moon symbols, Westminster Chimes and is in great condition. It is well-packed for traveling and we are asking for best offer over $450. Please inquire to norma@halfwayhomepetrescue.org.

Is it Rain or Kittens?

Abigail & Adam are now 2 1/2 weeks old and hopefully in another 10 days will be off the bottle feeding 24/7 with their loving HHPR volunteer, Cathy Coston. They were living under an old warehouse with many raccoons, skunks and their mom when Corey Bogel found them and as their mom (Anna) had lost her milk Corey brought them to safety.

Another feral pregnant cat, CoCo, was trapped and delivered 4 newborns at the HHPR Intake Center this week. HHPR’s policy mandates that we secure the safety of the young and domesticate them for adoption, if the parent is able to domesticate we are pleased if not we provide full medical care and either return the cat to site if safe or relocate if site is not safe. Sterilizing feral cat colonies is the only humane way to control the colony.

FACT: Cats cannot pass COVID-19 to humans and humans cannot pass COVID-19 to cats.

For Sale

If you are interested in adopting a cat into your family, please contact HHPR at: 207-999-1075 or email: admin@halfwayhomepetrescue.org.

2019 Incoming 257

- feral 28
- stray 59
- owned 149
- low inc 9
- born 12

2019 Outgoing 225

- euthanized 4 recovery not possible
- return 5 low inc 9
- infant death 32 diseased colony
- adopted 52
- Transfer 122
2020 COVID-19 FREE CAT Spay/Neuter Clinic
for Family Annual Income Less than $70,000
Mail application to: HHPR, PO Box 488 Caribou, ME 04736 | (207) 999-1075

TREATMENT AT THE CLINIC IS FOR SPAY OR NEUTER, DISTEMPER & RABIES VACCINATIONS, 30 DAY FLEA PREVENTION, WORMING IF NEEDED.

CAT INFORMATION:
Date: _______________ ID #: _______________ Age: _______ Cat’s Name: ____________________________
Color/Description of Cat: ____________________________ Cat is (circle one): Male / Female
Cat is (circle one): DSH / DLH How did you acquire your cat? ___ stray ___ friend ___ shelter ____ rescue ___ pet store ____ hoarder

OWNER INFORMATION:
Owner Name: ___________________________________ Phone #: ____________________________
Owner Address: __________________________________
I do not hold HALFWAY HOME PET RESCUE, INC., VETERINARIANS, VET TECHS, SHELTER WORKERS/VOLUNTEERS RESPONSIBLE in case the Feline has a Medical/Birth Defect unknown to Spay/Neuter Team (please let Team know if you know of any conditions)
Signed: ____________________________ Date: _______________

Authorized by OFFICE HHPR VOLUNTEER: ____________________________ Date: _______________
Date & place of SCHEDULED CLINIC: ____________________________ (NOTED BY HHPR)

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