



Meet HHPR's New President



Marcia Simonds, President, HHPR

Halfway Home Pet Rescue volunteers are happy to introduce you to the new President of our compassionate feline mission, **Marcia Simonds of Presque Isle**. Marcia has spent 37 years at Burrelles as a department manager for most of that time. Married to Matt Simonds for 36 years, she is also a proud mother of two grown children, Chelsea and Emily. Marcia's love for animals deepened through volunteering at our small, volunteer-based

pet rescue – evident when she 'failed' at fostering by adopting her cats Sam and Sadie. Marcia also welcomed Quinn, now called Sophie, into her family, who later became her daughter Emily's companion during college in Biddeford and now in Raleigh, NC. Marcia's heart expanded further when she met semi-feral Rosie, now also a cherished family member.

Recognizing the need for assistance in other areas, Marcia and her husband began transporting adoptable cats to the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland (ARLGP).

Their daughter Chelsea and her husband lost their cat and soon became Hammy and Stripes's parents, two cats who came from a Caribou hoarder environment. Marcia feels her family is blessed with HHPR alums. She was nominated and voted onto the Board of Directors in 2023. Her initiative, honesty, calm nature, and devotion to the cat mission are a great benefit to HHPR. As the workload at HHPR continued to grow, Marcia was called upon to assist with clinics in 2023. Her exceptional performance led to a promotion to Spay Clinic Director, accompanied by the reward of loving kisses from cats undergoing sterilization.

Downtime does not exist at Halfway Home Pet Rescue, and when Norma could no longer keep up with her presidential duties, she requested that Marcia step up to the plate as of May 1, 2024.

Thank you Marcia!

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Theo (injured as a baby)



Theo

The Simonds family fostered three kittens and a blind cat named Helen. They also cared for Theo (pictured above), a disabled kitten injured by a 300-pound man. Theo is now happily running around their house.

Norma's Notes

I have appreciated Marcia through all her failed foster parent adoptions and seeing her honest character, ability to handle several things simultaneously and make quick and fair decisions.

Marcia handles all human situations with a sharp mind and gentle tongue. I have honestly felt very lost over the past year or so, seeing that I had to give up the shelter work, but having Marcia step up to the plate has given me peace of mind about the future of HHPR that I did not have a year ago. Thank you, Marcia. Thank you, HHPR volunteers, for all you will do to support Marcia in the future.

I love all of you.

Norma Milton



Norma on a winter rescue. Thanks for the memories. Loved it all.

Your Forever Furry Friend is Waiting...

To adopt a cat from HHPR please go to the adoption section of our website www.halfwayhomepetrescue.org and make out an application. Please do not use family members as a reference. **The cats below will be available for adoption after May 10th.**

We ask for an adoption donation of about \$120 depending on family financials (which we will consider). This donation helps cover the costs of spaying/neutering, vaccinations, parasite control, worming, ear cleaning, and nail trimming, which amounts to approximately **\$350 worth of medical care already provided per cat.**



Bubbles

Bubbles and RB are exact twins, neutered Russian Blue, dsh male with all medical work completed. Came from a home that the owner left without him and several of his siblings. Very loving cat, about 1½ years old.



RB

RB is a neutered Russian Blue, twin to Bubbles. Male dsh with all medical work completed and is delight to be loved. Came from a home that the owner left without him and several of his siblings. Very loving cat, about 1½ years old.



Simba

Simba is a neutered orange tabby with all medical completed. He is a delight and adores being loved. Came from a home that the owner left without him and several of his siblings. Very loving cat, about 1½ years old.



Pumba

Pumba is a neutered dsh gray and white male with all medical work completed. He is a delightful and loving cat. He came from a home that the owner left without him and several of his siblings. Very loving, about 1½ years.



Hamlet

Hamlet, a 3-4 year old neutered male, is healthy and needs a 6% high fiber diet for his Coronavirus issues. He came from a severe hoarding situation and was in poor condition. Despite

suggestions to euthanize him, he is now perfectly healthy, loving, and gets along with everyone.



Bella

Bella is a 20-year-old spayed female in our long-term care. She is up to date on medical care and takes \$20 thyroid medication every other month. Given up due to old age issues, she is now loving,

curious, and gets along with everyone. There is no adoption fee due to her age.

2024 HHPR Board of Directors

Marcia Simonds, President, Presque Isle

Brian Norcross, Vice President, Limestone

Robert Sowers, Treasurer/Secretary, Caribou

Andrea McPherson-Mesa, Marketing Agent, Manchester, NH

Norma Milton, past President, Caribou

Gail Langley, Caribou

Pam Thompson, Caribou

Isaiah Belyea, Caribou

Robert Carlson, Caribou

We love hearing from alumni!

Snuggles and Jack, adopted as kittens from HHPR, are nearing their 18th birthday.



**A special THANK YOU to
MMG Insurance Co. of Presque Isle,
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of our newsletter.**

HHPR May 2024 Spay/Neuter Clinic was a Great Success!

In our latest spay/neuter clinic held from May 3 to May 5, 2024, HHPR volunteers came together and provided vital services to 111 cats, with 38 of them covered by HFM vouchers and 73 by HHPR.

The spay/neuter clinic received generous support from the community, amounting donations totaling \$1,552. Donations varied across the three days, indicating consistent community support of the clinic.

Moving forward, HHPR remains committed to its mission of promoting responsible pet ownership and addressing the issue of animal overpopulation through it's spay/neuter clinics and continued community education and collaborative efforts. As we reflect on the success of this clinic, we express our gratitude to all volunteers, donors, and partners who continue to support our cause. Together, we strive to create a better future for our furry friends.

If you have any feedback or suggestions for future clinics, we welcome your input as we work towards our shared goal of a healthier, happier pet community.

Upcoming Clinics

- May 31st – Few Spots Available
- June 1st & 2nd – Spots Available
- June 28th, 29th & 30th – Spots Available

Please visit our website:

www.halfwayhomepetrescue.org/clinic for details and information on how to apply.

A Big THANK YOU to All Our Hard Working Volunteers.

The success of the clinic was due to the dedication of HHPR volunteers who tirelessly contributed their time and effort, ensuring smooth operations and quality care for all animals. Many thanks are deserved to Peter Ellis, Donna Huntington, Brian Norcross, Bob Sowers, and Stephanie Plourde, Sarah Timberlake, Patricia Anderson, Liddy McCulley, Betsy Hallett, Leah Drost, Isaiah Belyea, and Candace Madill.



Ways You Can Help

Donate items from our Wish List

We are always in need of the items below at the shelter.

- Purina Cat Chow dry
- Purina Kitten Chow dry
- Fresh Step Litter – clumping and non-clumping
- World’s Best Litter – any type
- Fancy Feast Gourmet Cat envelopes (for elderly cats)
- Friskies canned pate – all flavors
- Friskies – canned grilled
- Paper Towels
- Kitten and medium adult Revolution Plus treatments
- Toys and scratching surfaces

Donation Drop off Locations:

- HHPR Adoption Center, 489 Main St. Caribou
- Office: 11 Pioneer Ave. Caribou

Do you shop online?

It’s easy to donate items to HHPR. Just purchase something from one of our online wish lists! Go to our website to find the link to our **Amazon or Chewy** wish lists.

Your Trash is Our Treasure!

Proceeds from your donations help us pay our vet bills.

Returnable bottles and cans can be dropped off at:

- 11 Pioneer Ave. in Caribou (at the back door)
- 489 Main St., Caribou (HHPR Adoption Center)
- 88 Bennett Drive Redemption in Caribou.
- The Presque Isle Redemption Center
- Blue containers at the Caribou & PI Parsons St Redemption Centers

Please tell the service person at each location, that your redemption is to be donated to HHPR in Caribou.



Get The Bouquet That

Gives Back



\$1 for each specially marked bouquet sold at Hannaford, 114 High Street, Caribou, ME will benefit HHPR!



✓ Yes, I want to help support Halfway Home Pet Rescue.

Your donation makes a difference. Please send check or money order to: HHPR, P.O. Box 488, Caribou ME 04736

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I wish to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____

My gift is: _____ In Honor of _____ In Memory of: _____

Please send an acknowledgement to: Name: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please print clearly to ensure accuracy.