



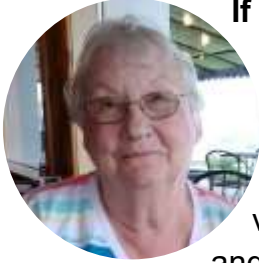
Halfway Home Pet Rescue

Feline Rescue & Rehabilitation

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Norma's Notes



If we all do what we can to help others in our corner of this world, the entire world would be a far better place. Our dedicated

Halfway Home Pet Rescue volunteers are certainly working hard and responsibly – and the homeless

cats, needy families, and pets needing emergency medical vet care in our county are daily proof of the need and the solution.

Our newest venture is to revise our mission for the scheduled retirement of our founder. We own the warehouse pictured to the right (mortgage free – Thank you **Doug Morrell and Staples Construction**) and we intend to create an **Aroostook Regional Animal Health Facility** for a free spay/neuter facility and a low-cost wellness center for animals.

This will bring all of our passions under one roof including: a Feline Intake Center, Adoption Center, and Pet Food Pantry. We have already started a savings account for this purpose and started some work this summer by repairing the roof and connecting to the city water and sewer. We hope to garner volunteer assistance in the project before spring 2023.

This is a 1 to 5 year plan. The first order will be to establish a permanent medical clinic for our mobile vets. The severe shortage of available vet clinics along with the increased high cost of pet medical care over the past 4 to 5 years has determined this must be our first priority. We are going for practical and functional – but not fancy.

You can help. If you are upgrading your home or work-site and have cupboards, doors, windows, a working refrigerator, insulation materials, etc., please consider donating it to us. If you have any carpentry or work skills we will welcome you aboard. This is for a **Regional Clinic for County Animals**. Together, we can make it happen.

Thank you!

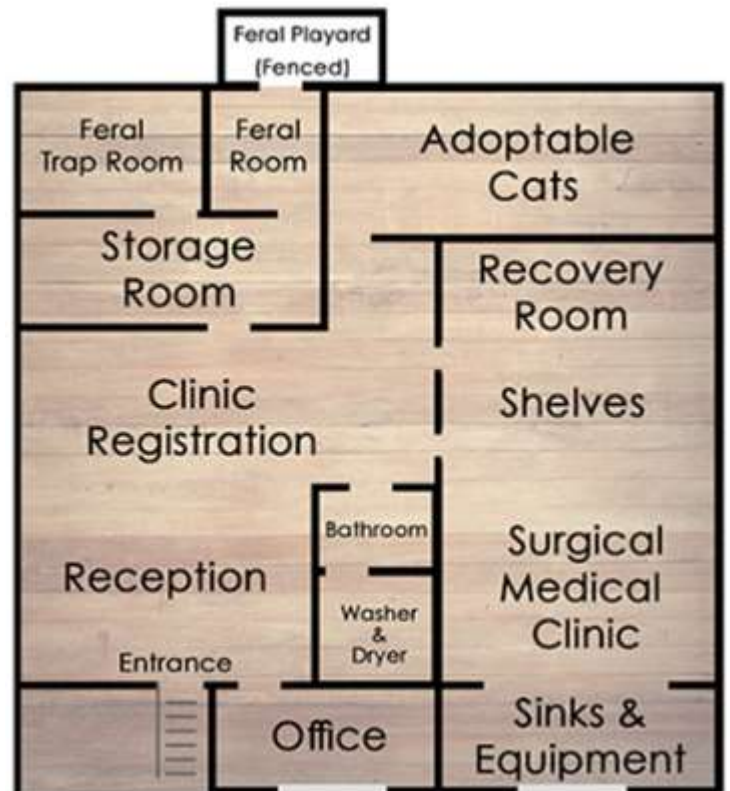
Norma Milton, President, HHPR

GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is November 29, 2022

Donations on this day will go directly to the clinic/bathroom part of the renovation. We hope to have the clinic/bathroom section completed and in use by late April 2023.

Future Home of the Aroostook Regional Animal Health Facility



The building is approximately 50' x 55' and will be divided into areas beginning with the medical clinic, then a feral cat room, adoptable cat room, and later the office/reception areas.

Ways You Can Help HHPR

We are in need of supplies for our fosters and colony cats, **especially food.**

- Friskies dry cat food, seafood flavor
- Friskies canned cat food: shreds, (chicken, fish, or turkey flavors)
- Fresh Step Litter (non-clumping)
- Postage stamps

Donation Drop off Locations:

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

Do You Shop at Amazon? Log on to Donate Items from our Wish List

You can donate to HHPR when you shop. Go to smile.amazon.com and select Halfway Home Pet Rescue OR purchase some items for us from our **Amazon Wish List.**

Donate Bottles and Cans to HHPR

Donate your bottles and cans to HHPR by leaving them at: 11 Pioneer Ave. or 88 Bennett Drive in Caribou, or any of the Caribou or Presque Isle redemption centers or at the Parson St. Redemption boxes.

Please label your bag, HHPR.

Thank you for your support!



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Baby, its Cold Outside

One of our responsibilities as animal lovers is to help homeless animals who have no food, water or shelter during these cold winter months.

Remember the importance of food and water in all weather.

HHPR always uses a handful of catnip thrown in with the straw to encourage the cats to give the new shelter a try. Your intervention might very well be the only thing



that saves a cat's life. Very little financial investment and very little time. This would be an excellent project for youth groups. Also making you a great role model for the next generation.

Below are examples of easy shelters using totes or other crates – always with straw inside (NEVER HAY). Straw is a natural insulation.



**A special
THANK YOU to
MMG Insurance Co.
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Karma's Litters Tell Her Story



Karma was an owned cat tossed outside when she got pregnant. She learned to survive in a horrible dump and birthed several litters with a couple of each litter managing to survive with her although they came to us feral. The 3 oldest kittens were too feral to tame and went to a good barn home. Six of the younger 3 litters are taming nicely.



The first day in captivity Karma reverted to a domestic lifestyle and we removed her from the feral room. This family survived abandonment, starvation, and cold despite a cougar and fox living nearby which tells us Karma lived about 3 years protecting her babies as best she could. Karma's story was as obvious to us as her stairstep kitten litters. "Love me", Karma said, "I remember being loved and I am not afraid." Karma hopes for an inside/outside home in a safe neighborhood. She is very smart, clean, loving and wise. ♥

Every month, we trap and neuter cats and take in cats in need of serious medical care. Without the help and support of our friends, these cats wouldn't receive all of the care they need to survive. You can set up a recurring monthly donation, or make a one-time donation, through Network for Good or PayPal directly to HHPR, PO Box 488, Caribou, ME 04736.



Theo and Celeste are Safe at Last

Theo (left) and Celeste (right) are two very young kittens rescued from serious injury and neglect and are now being nursed back to health by HHPR volunteers who are bottle feeding them. ♥

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HHPR is a volunteer-based 501c3 non-profit and a Maine license pet rescue with Adoption Center located at 489 Main St. in Caribou, ME 04736 – Office and Intake Center located at 11 Pioneer Ave. It is the dedication and responsibility of our volunteers that make this mission possible.

Volunteer Opportunities – Urgent Needs

Many people ask us how we manage to have so many wonderful free or low-cost services for our homeless cats and the general public. We do not have a payroll expense because all our Adoption Center people volunteer their time and compassion.

Program #1 A safety net for homeless cats #2 Free Spay/Neuter Clinics #3 Free Pet Food Pantry for families in financial stress #4 Emergency Medical Care for vet services.

All these needed programs could be lost if additional and responsible people do not step forward to help with our work. Think about it – No cost to the needy pet family and No cost to the taxpayers. Only 1½ to 3 hours per shift 1x a week on the day and time of your choice. **We need a few Good People.** An application is enclosed for people who live in the area. **Thank you.**

Transportation (Adults Needed)

- Medical: Transport cats scheduled for local spay surgery to North Country Animal Hospital.
- Low-income help: Deliver a supply of food to a person who is in need but has no transportation. Go to person's home to pick up a cat and bring it to a Free Mobile Clinic so we can spay, then later that day bring the sterilized cat back to the owner. Go and pick up either a cat or a stray that they need to surrender permanently but they have no transportation to get to HHPR.
- Emergency: Pick-up an injured or ill cat when no one is available and bring it to Norma or the vet.

Direct Cat Care at the Adoption Center

- Morning shift: Feed, clean, scoop for the cats in the adoption center and follow up with sweeping, mopping the floor, if necessary, doing laundry and putting clean laundry away. Shift is 9 to 11:30 am on average.
- Afternoon shift: Feed, clean, provide fresh water and scoop boxes. Check each cat and lock up th center. Shift is about 3:30 or 4 pm to start. Either 1 or 1½ hours on average.

Other Occasional Volunteer Opportunities

- Fundraising: Thursdays on Sweden Street
- Helping with Pet Food Pantry inventory: Loading and unloading and possible distribution to some shut-in elderly or disabled families as directed.
- Help with newsletter mailing: Stuffing envelopes and applying postage, 2x a year.
- Hospice Care: Give a loving home & support to a cat with limited life expectancy (per vet.) HHPR will cover any medical expenses. You supply the love. (Adult Needed.)
- Help with Thank You Notes for our generous donors.
- Foster Comfort Care for Mom Cats with kittens 4 weeks or older. (Adult Needed).
- Youth volunteers for direct cat care: The youth must have an adult present. For occasional volunteer tasks a signed parental form will be sufficient.

✓ 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: _____

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