



Halfway Home Pet Rescue

Feline Rescue & Rehabilitation

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Winter 2024



Norma's Notes

It has been an extremely busy year at Halfway Home with a great many golden accomplishments for the volunteer pet rescue. Lots of carpentry and painting was done. In another 10 days we will have our **6th Free Cat Spay/ Neuter Clinic** for 2024. That will give us a grand total of over 750 feline spay/ neuters for this year. I think of all the lives our volunteers have saved with this program. Saving cats from starving, freezing, or death by predator AND one has to love the huge decrease in euthanasia rates in area shelters.

Our **Halfway Home Pet Rescue volunteers are the best.** With the daily care of over 20 rescued cats or even more on any day and then adding in the busyness of daily cat care while doing 6 clinics involving over 750 cats, emergency rescues and shopping for supplies, extra cleaning, computer work, IT work and adoption days – they never say “No.”

These dedicated people have just keep on working and smiling through two years of commotion, total confusion, noise and chaos – working alongside carpenters, plumbers, landscapers, painters, electricians completing work on our newly refurbished sanctuary building. As well as all the work that goes along with fundraising for our ongoing costs. **Our volunteers are truly angels – every one.**

It has been my privilege and pleasure to know and work with each of these individuals. To know what inspires them to continue struggling to aid these animals in crises. I have been blessed. These beautiful volunteers made Halfway Home Pet Rescue what it is today. **Thank you HHPR Volunteers.**



Please help Halfway Home Pet Rescue provide the safety, home and medical care needed for abused, neglected and stray cats. Our current needs are additional food for the needy family pets, feral cat colonies and specially canned pate or classic food for all of the cats in our care. Donations are also needed to help continue the Free Spay/Neuter Clinics. We use all our money for the benefit of the animals with 37 dedicated volunteers tending to their daily needs.

✓ 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.

Still Waiting for Their Joyful Home...

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. We ask for an adoption donation of about \$125 depending on family financials (which we will consider). This donation helps to cover our costs of spaying/neutering, vaccinations, parasite control, worming, ear cleaning, and nail trimming, as well as snap-combo testing (for underlying Leukemia/FIV which alone is a \$60 test for health). All of this amounts to approximately **\$350 worth of medical care already provided per cat**. Without our dedicated volunteers we would not be able to do all of this medical work.

The cats below will be available for adoption after Nov 26th.



Marla

1 year old female spayed dsh, Russian Blue, spayed and all medical done. Deeply affectionate and happy girl.



Willa

5 year old dsh Russian Blue spayed female, Must be the only cat in the home as she really loves herself and expects all the attention. All medical done.



Marley

4 to 5 year old neutered male, diabetic, dsh, Russian Blue. All medical done, takes pill form of diabetic medication cost is \$117 a month or could go to the injection which would be much

cheaper. Very sweet always searching out who is available for affection. All medical has been done.



Shadow

2 year neutered male, dsh, black with white spot, very loving, gets along with other cats. All medical completed.



Ebony

DSH female spayed cat, black and white, About 6 years old, sweetheart, very loving, adores people but likes to move off on her own until loving time is available. Adores the pet castle. All medical done.



Cammie

Short hair, dark torti about 1 year old, spayed female, very loving. Must be adopted into a one-cat home as she demands all the loving she can get. Beautiful cat. All medical done and ready to go.



Bruce

DSH neutered male about 6 years old, dark tabby with beautiful black streaks, a very loving sweetheart. He came in with Ebony but they are not really bonded. He is a very curious and happy young man.

Was obviously hit by a car with no medical care when he came to the adoption center but he is doing well according to the vet, but still a little sensitive to have his hind end patted or when being picked up. Some arthritis may have set in. All medical has been done.

Bruce is enjoying the new cat's TV.



Thank you to **Mike Rand**, formerly of Caribou, who donated a TV for the cats when he moved and cat Bruce has already declared it as "MINE."

Special Cats at HPR

Below are a few photos and stories about some of our **Specialty Cats**. These are long-term or lifer cats that live as free-roaming cats in our homestyle cat room as they are considered unadoptable by everyone but us.

♥ *Bella*



Bella is a spayed female about 24 or 25 years old now. She is loving and curious and loves to eat although she has the old age thinness partially caused by her thyroid issues. She takes daily medication and gets along with all other cats.

♥ *Flower*



Flower is a 14 year old spayed feral female. She loves the volunteers who she sees the most of but the rest of us are off limits within her space. She has anxiety about permitting too much activity and hides when strangers are around.

♥ *Tawni*



Tawni is a 4 year old female dsh, torti. She suffered a spinal injury at about 4 weeks of age by falling off a bureau in her former home. She is very active, happy and full of pep. She loves everyone. Her injury causes her to lose control of her urine.

Please Don't Declaw

Declawing a cat is like cutting off a person's fingers at the first knuckle.

Declawing a cat is akin to amputating a human's fingers at the first knuckle. Each year, many declawed cats are surrendered to shelters when owners are unaware of the emotional and physical challenges cats face without their claws.



Declawing was once thought to be a solution for preventing furniture damage, but there are better alternatives. With proper training, cats can be directed to scratch designated items, like cat towers or poles, often with catnip to encourage use. These alternatives are safer and more humane.

Declawing is now banned in several states and considered cruel. Many veterinarians, including those in Maine, no longer perform the procedure, recognizing the long-term harm it causes. The consequences of declawing can include:

1. **Behavioral Issues:** Declawed cats may urinate outside the litter box, especially if the litter is too rough for their sensitive paws.
2. **Physical Limitations:** Cats need their claws to stretch properly; without them, they can't stretch their muscles fully, leading to discomfort.
3. **Arthritis:** Declawed cats are more prone to joint problems as they age.
4. **Vulnerability:** Without claws, cats can't defend themselves or hunt their own food if they escape.
5. **Aggression:** Declawed cats are more likely to bite due to fear and pain.

Would you want your fingers amputated at the first knuckle? Declawing is painful and unnecessary—**please choose alternatives for the well-being of your cat.**

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:

- 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)
- 88 Bennett Drive Redemption in Caribou
- The Presque Isle Redemption Center
- 5 Sweden St. Redemption in Caribou

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



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With postage costs increasing, if you are able to subscribe to our E-newsletter it would really help us out! Just go to our website and complete the sign-up form: <https://halfwayhomepetrescue.org/newsletter>

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