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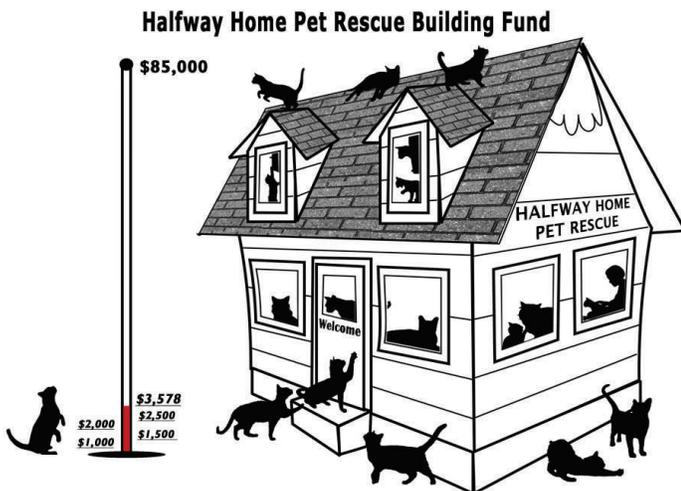


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We Need A Permanent Building

As some of you know, last year we entered an online contest to win \$1000 from the Animal Rescue Site. Despite an amazing effort by our supporters, we did not win. In response, we announced the \$1 for \$1,000 Challenge in the Bangor Daily News. We figured if all our supporters who voted would just send \$1, we would surpass the amount we would have won. This money would be put into our New Building Fund. Within days the dollars starting coming and kept coming from all over. From \$1 and up, with lovely heartfelt notes of support, our building fund became a reality. The word about our good work has been spreading and the cats keep coming. We need a permanent building for the cats and our thrift store, Toby's Treasures. We know times are tough, but for \$1 you can become part of this humane mission. Send \$1 (or more) to PO Box 488, Caribou ME 04736.

The image below is our Building Fund Campaign illustration. The amount on the pole is updated on our website every month. We are approaching \$4000 but still have a long way to go. We appreciate your help!



Who is that cat next to our logo?

That sweet face you see at the top right of this page is our mascot, Toby. He is a resident of Halfway Home because he is special. Toby survived abuse that left him mentally challenged. His mental age is a young kitten—so he is always sweet, curious and playful. Toby works to help rehabilitate other cats that come to HHPR. Despite his condition and needing a little extra care, Toby has a quality of life at HHPR and all who meet him adore him.

HHPR Awarded 2011 Spirit of Caribou Award

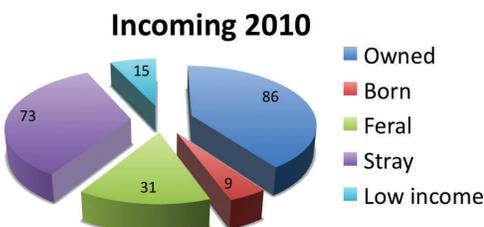
We are very pleased to announce that Halfway Home Pet Rescue was chosen by the Caribou Chamber of Commerce and Industry to receive the Spirit of Caribou Award. This award recognizes an organization for its spirit of community, compassion and good will. The award is presented at the Annual Recognition Dinner held April 1st. Other presentations include Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. We are very proud to accept the award on behalf of all our amazing volunteers who work so hard every day to make a difference.

HHPR Joins Best Friends Network Charities

Halfway Home was recently approved to be part of the internationally acclaimed Best Friends Animal Network. We carry the official designation on our web site. This affiliation will help us network and apply for desperately needed funding. There is a lot to see at the Best Friends site. HHPR has a Group page there and invites you to become a Fan. http://network.bestfriends.org/groups/halfway_home_pet_rescue/default.aspx

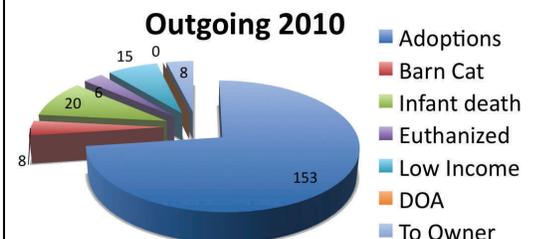


How did we do in 2010?



2010: 214 cats came to HHPR.

The chart at the left shows Incoming sources. We did TNR for 31 feral cats (reducing eventual overpopulation by thousands). The Outgoing chart at right shows what happened to them: **153 ADOPTIONS!**



Available for Adoption



AMY is 8 mos old spayed female, very shy but very gentle. She hides from activity, but loves being held. She is leukemia tested, all shots and cleared of all parasites. Adoption fee \$50.



ANN is 8 mos. old, spayed, who came in with Amy, we believe they are sisters and they adore each other. Ann is friendly and loving. She is leukemia tested, all shots and cleared of all parasites. Sweetheart of a personality and very clean about herself and her environment. Adoption fee \$50.

DANNY is about 3 yrs., a big boy with short, shiny black hair.

He's had treatment for abscesses on his neck/ear. He is neutered, leukemia/AIDS tested, all shots and cleared of all parasites. He is a dominant male - does not tolerate male cats; is ok with females after proper introduction. Adoption fee \$50.



LENNIE is about 3 yrs., leukemia/AIDS tested neg, & cleared of parasites, neutered, will have distemper and rabies shots before we let him go. Lennie traveled in a Van Buren police car until HHPR provided a safe haven. He is black/gray tiger with classic tabby swirls. Beautiful; great personality. He talks a lot and yells if he thinks you are ignoring him. You gotta love this guy. Adoption fee \$50.



PETUNIA is about 1 yr. She is spayed, leukemia/AIDS neg, distemper & rabies shots, Revolutioned* and wormed. She is a friendly, loving and clean cat - gets along well with male cats but not so great with females (but avoids fighting.) She would be great with kids and possibly

well-mannered dogs. Petunia has short front legs and might be part Munchkin. Adoption fee \$50.



ZACHARY, about 5 months, is neutered, leukemia/AIDS tested, first distemper shot & rabies, Revolutioned* for parasites, plus Nemex. Extremely beautiful coat with tiny speckles, almost a Bengal look. Sweet, loving, clean, very curious. A great cat for any family situation. A fantastically beautiful animal. Adoption fee \$50.

BEAR is 2 -3 yrs. old, neutered, leukemia/AIDS tested neg, distemper & rabies shots, Revolutioned* and wormed. He is kind, loving, clean and gets along with kids, cats (male or female) and dogs. Bear just wants everyone to "Be Happy."

He is short-hair, all black and a total sweetheart - good pet for any family. Adoption fee \$50.



MOLLY is about 4 years old, spayed, Leukemia/AIDS tested, distemper & rabies shots, Revolution treated, and cleared of tapeworm. She walks around looking for you as just a little loving is not enough for her. She adores being brushed. She is a short-hair torti. Beautiful coloring. A very loving, clean cat with a totally great personality for kids. Her adoption fee is \$30.



LEXIE is about 7 mos old and just weaned a litter of 5. Lexie will be spayed when ready and adoptable after. She is wormed, Leukemia/AIDS tested neg; treated with Revolution*. She is a great cat and a wonderful

momma. She really wants a good home. She likes kids and dogs, and gets along great with other cats. Her adoption fee will be \$50.



FROSTY, about 2, came in badly frostbitten, losing the tip of his right ear. His feet blisters have healed, but is still very shy and scared. He is improving, but still hides most of the time. He will need a quiet, loving family to help him get over his obvious abuse issues. He will not bite or hiss, but crouches, waiting to see what will happen.

When he feels safe, he loves to cuddle. He is neutered, leukemia tested, all shots and cleared of parasites. He will be a totally devoted pet to anyone who loves him and gives him time to recover from his abuse and frostbite. Adoption fee \$50.

* Revolution is a 30-day parasite protection treatment

I WANT TO SUPPORT HALFWAY HOME PET RESCUE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- ____ Become a yearly member for \$20
 ____ Become a lifetime member for \$200

I WANT TO DONATE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- _____ Where most needed _____ \$1 Building Challenge
 _____ Spay/Neuter Voucher Account _____ Low-income Spay/Neuter

In Memory or In Honor of: _____

Name and Address of family member/friend:

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

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Donations are tax deductible. We will send a Thank You note that will be your receipt. Thank you for your support — we could not do this without you!

Note: Donations also accepted online at halfwayhomepetrescue.org

The Year in Review: 2010 by Norma Milton

Year 2010 was a bumpy road of unbelievable ups and downs for me, both personally and with the cat rescue. We lost Everett, my husband of 46 years, then in the fall, Ev's favorite cat, Peanut Butter (our Education Cat), succumbed to complications with his diabetes. In September, HHPR received 13 extremely ill kittens from Presque Isle. We soon found we were dealing with coccidia, a deadly, contagious and often fatal illness especially of young kittens. Even by hospitalizing several of the kittens, we were only able to save 3 of the original 13 as it was just too late, and in the meantime 3 more ill kittens came in with the parasite and 4 others contracted it. This was a terrible heartbreak for all of us. But we gathered our courage and carried on for those babies we could save.

But for every door that closed in 2010, God did open a window and for that we are so grateful. Over the year, our group of dedicated volunteers helped 214 animals and placed 153 of them in homes. The remaining placements are shown in the pie charts on the first page and we are really proud of the accomplishments. We found enough resources to help 15 low-income families with their spay expense and medical emergencies for their family pets.

When an organization is this successful of their mission, the success can never be credited to the efforts of one or two people. In our case, there are at least 30 volunteers who are the mainstay of keeping our volunteer-based,

501c3 organization, state-licensed, no-kill animal shelter thriving in a nation froth with economic turmoil. Yes, we live in an economically disadvantaged community, but each volunteer has a job or 2 or 5 jobs, and each volunteer seems eager to accomplish that and more. After all, it is all about the animals. Thank you for your part in making Halfway Home Pet Rescue the INN for homeless cats.

Happy Endings: MAX Finds a Home



Max came from a very neglectful background (a cat hoarder) and was close to death from fleas, ear mites, URI, worms, Coccidia, and eye infection when he came to HHPR. His head will probably always be held in a crooked way because he was so filled with ear mites that they ate through his eardrum which has permanently upset his balance. He

was on antibiotics for about 6 weeks. This may be as good as it will get but should be the only long-term effect from his neglect. Max was medically treated and cleared for adoption. He was shown at our outreach location at the Tractor Supply store in Presque Isle and he attracted the perfect family.





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*Dedicated to Feline Rescue
and Rehabilitation*

DID YOU KNOW ...

An unspayed female cat, her mate, and their offspring, producing 2 litters per year (average 2.8 kittens surviving per litter) can total:

1 year = 12 2 years = 67
3 years = 376 4 years = 2,107
5 years = 11,801

Only 1 in 12 finds a home.

SPAY - it's the only way!

(source: spayusa.org)

**DO YOU NEED HELP TO GET YOUR
PET(S) SPAYED OR NEUTERED?**

The Help Fix ME Program currently has money to continue helping low-income families have their pets sterilized.

The portion you pay for a cat is \$10 and for a dog is \$20.

Contact Help Fix ME: 1-800-367-1317

You will qualify for Help Fix ME if you receive: food stamps, TANF, Mainecare, SSI or SSD or have an income below 133% of the federal poverty level (you do not have to be receiving any government assistance to qualify).

The Spay Maine program is a collaboration of Maine's animal shelters, rescues, veterinarians, animal control officers and individuals who support Help Fix ME. Help Fix ME is Maine's state-wide low income low cost spay neuter program for cats and dogs. It is run through the State of Maine's Animal Welfare Program in the Dept. of Agriculture. The goal of Help Fix ME is to reduce shelter intakes and euthanasia in Maine by helping low income households to spay and neuter cats and dogs.



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Volunteers Build Winter Cat Shelters

Volunteers had fun building winter cat shelters for HHPR. Winter shelters provide a place for strays or ferals to survive the bitter cold. They are easy to build using old carriers or plastic storage tubs and straw for insulation. Instructions for building winter cat shelters are available on our website: halfwayhomepetrescue.org

Shelters also help monitor cat populations and aid in trapping for the Trap/Neuter/Release Program. In 2010, our TNR program successfully rescued 31 feral cats. Some were rehabilitated for adoption and others placed as barn cats.



Volunteers Verna Johnson and Robyn Smith