



FELINE RESCUE & REHABILITATION



FALL 2013

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MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND MAINE FEDERATION OF HUMANE SOCIETIES GIVE AID TO STRUGGLING HHPR

HHPR has been very fortunate to have received financial aid from two prominent Maine Foundations. The Maine Community Foundation gave the shelter \$1500 to help with the expense of finishing trapping of feral cats in the Limestone St., and Down Home Trailer Park in Caribou. The Joseph and Lorayne Fund for Aroostook County provided \$870 and the Caroline D. Gentile Fund provided \$630 through the MCF grant. Pictured back row: (L) Devin Roy, Mary Rowe, Ellie Ring, Darrell Bouchard, and John Belanger. Front row (L) Fran Gendreau, Julia Harris, Margo Beaulieu, Pam Schepple and Jessica Smith. Seated is Chi Chi Belanger. With this financial aid from the foundation, HHPR was able to complete the T/N/R feral cat project.



In addition, the Aroostook County Fund of the Maine Community Foundation through the Belvedere Animal Welfare Fund gifted HHPR with \$3,000 for the purpose of volunteer training classes for volunteers to attend Maine Federation State Training Program and to buy an additional \$1200 of medical supplies to cover the shortfall of the HHPR budget. According to Norma Milton, president of HHPR, 2013 has been the toughest year she has ever seen for the number of seriously ill and severely injured stray cats. As of the beginning of November (just 10 months), HHPR has spent almost \$38,000 on surgery, medical supplies, and hospitalization of stray cats due to severe illness and/or injury.

The Maine Federation of Humane Societies presented HHPR with a check for \$3,000 to help with a short fall in project expense in the rescue's massive spay/neuter program. This gift enabled HHPR to spay/neuter approximately 30 more stray cats.

PITCH IN FOR THE PAWS



Representatives from the Halfway Home Pet Rescue in Caribou are presented with items from the Pitch in for the Paws collection effort led by TAMC and several County businesses. Presenting the items (from left) are Dawn Poitras, co-chair of the

TAMC Total Health Team and Laurie Colton of The County Federal Credit Union (a project partner). Receiving the donated items are: Mary Rowe, HHPR office manager, Ellie Ring HHPR shelter manager, Angie Decambra HHPR volunteer, and Robyn Smith, HHPR web manager.



Melissa Larrivee Franklin (center) delivered the results of her Pawsitively Positive Party in July. In addition to the items, there was a generous check! Also in photo are Robyn Smith (left) and Norma B. Milton (right).

CATS WAITING TO BE ADOPTED These beautiful cats have been waiting a long time to be adopted.



STAR (1089) is a black and white female about 1 1/2 years old. She came to HHPR in February 2013 as a stray, making Star the “senior” resident at the Center. She’s a quiet, mellow girl. Star has a great personality, gets along with other cats and will back away from conflict.



JAZZY (1118) also known as Jazz, came to HHPR in May 2013 at 7 months old. This large gray tiger was rescued as a stray from Fort Fairfield. Jazz is very talkative and would love to be someone’s lap cat. She also has extra toes! Jazz has a great personality.



COCO (1144) came to HHPR as “Mama Coco” with her kittens in May 2013 at the age of 10 months—still a kitten! She was a stray just trying to survive with her babies. She was an excellent mother and also fostered many HHPR orphans. Coco has a very nurturing spirit. She’s a wonderful girl.



PRECIOUS (1130) is a young domestic gray longhaired beauty. She came to HHPR with kittens when she was just 8 months old! This sweet girl is soft and shy. Precious has been here since May 2013. Her beautiful kittens have all been adopted.



PRINCESS (1198) is a sweet lady with a perfect kitty attitude. She likes to be brushed and petted if done gently. She’s a very quiet, sweet, clean, healthy and happy cat. She is ok with other cats, given slow introduction. A good family cat, but perhaps not with really young children.



PURDYKAT (or PuddyTat) (1193) was surrendered in July 2013 from Limestone. This big boy is about 10 months old. He’s a loving, playful guy but does not care too much for female cats. Puddy is white with black patches.



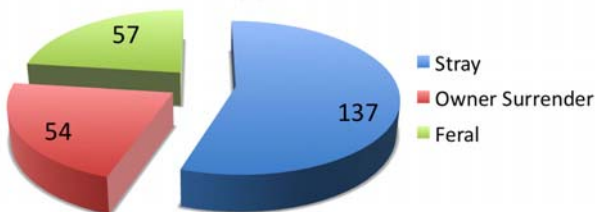
MAGGIE (1204) joined us in August 2013 after her owner passed away. This 4-year-old white and black charmer needed time to grieve the changes in her life. With loving support of the volunteers, Maggie has come out of her shell and is ready to start a new life.



MISS KITTY (1210) was owner surrendered in August 2013. This big, beautiful tiger has been with HHPR before, so it was natural for her to come back when she needed us. She is about 4 years old and she’s ready for her new life.

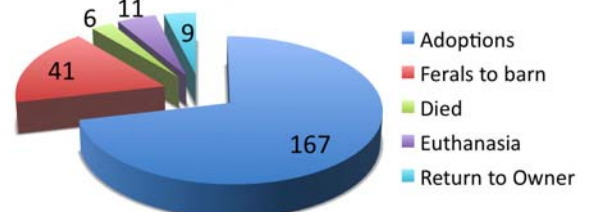
HOW DID WE DO? Jan 1-Nov 1, 2013: 248 cats came through HHPR. 137 were brought in as strays, 54 surrendered by owners, 57 ferals were humanely captured. HHPR facilitated **167 adoptions**. Sadly, we lost 6 kittens to disease, 11 cats required euthanasia due to extreme illness. 9 cats were returned to their owners and 41 became barn cats.

Incoming Jan-Nov 1, 2013



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Outgoing Jan-Nov 1, 2013



I SUPPORT HALFWAY HOME PET RESCUE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

MEMBERSHIP WITH HHPR

Annual for \$20 (Jan-Dec.) —New —Renew

Half year \$10 (July-Dec) —New —Renew

_____ LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP and SPONSOR A CAT

\$200.00 = life membership and a sponsored cat. HHPR will provide you with photo and story of the cat. We will notify you when the cat is adopted from the shelter.

I WANT TO DONATE TO:

_____ Greatest need _____ Spay/Neuter

In Memory/In Honor of: _____

Name and Address of family member/friend to notify:

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

PRESIDENT'S FALL MESSAGE

2013 has been the roughest year ever for HHPR due to high medical bills caused by so many kittens and cats coming to HHPR very seriously ill or injured. The HHPR mission is to serve as an emergency Feline Rescue and Rehabilitation Center — not just a shelter. We do whatever is necessary to give the animal a good chance for a quality life. It has been extremely tough in 2013, but we maintained our quality of medical care and networked with other rescues and shelters helping each other. HHPR has spent close to \$38,000 from Jan. to Nov. 1 on hospitalization and surgical expenses and in-house medical supplies. HHPR has networked with the PAWS rescue in Fort Kent helping save & transfer some of their most needy cats as well as 52 of our kittens which have now have been all adopted into good homes. We have helped the Houlton Humane Society with food supplies. We networked with Bangor Humane Society, Greater Androscoggin Humane, Maine Society for the Protection of Animals, The Animal Welfare Society of West Kennebunk, Forgotten Felines in Bangor, Friends of Felines in Portland and also with the Maine Dept. of Animal Welfare in Augusta. We have worked at controlling several feral cat colonies in Caribou, Fort Fairfield, Connor, Stockholm and Woodland. The Caribou Fire Dept. partnered with HHPR to make certain that all feral animals were out of a condemned building before they initiated a controlled fire on Limestone Street. The Fort Fairfield Police and the County Commissioner's office have developed a wonderful working relationship with HHPR. We greatly need and appreciate donations of returnable bottles and cans, used shoes and used ink cartridges for our recycling projects. Our greatest need currently: continued help with our large medical bills and to get our storeroom restocked. This has been helped by the TAMC "Pitch in for PAWS" project; the Caribou Memorial Methodist Church also had a food and supplies drive for us and the Hannaford Food Chain has always been good to our cause. Paradis Shop and Save in Caribou continues to provide a grocery cart for people to buy and leave needed items for us. All of this helps. HHPR is very blessed to have dedicated, educated and compassionate volunteers who

NEED HELP WITH SPAY/ NEUTER?

The Help Fix ME Program currently has money to continue helping low-income families have their cats sterilized. The portion you would pay for a cat is \$10. Call the number below and get your form in to them as soon as possible.

Contact Help Fix ME: 1-800-367-1317
Mon-Fri 9am -12 noon is best

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).

Funds are available for the sterilization of cats and pitbull breed dogs to reduce the number of unwanted animals in shelters.



SPAY
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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! HHPR is all-volunteer, so 100% of your donation helps the animals.

Note: You can also donate online at halfwayhomepetrescue.org or check our Facebook page for special fundraisers.

ON THE WEB

Visit us at halfwayhomepetrescue.org. Our Facebook page is very active and it is the place to get the very latest information. Find us at [facebook.com/halfwayhomepetrescue](https://www.facebook.com/halfwayhomepetrescue)

ADOPTION CENTER IMPROVED

This summer we added a covered exercise pen and divided it into two sections: adults and kittens. In good weather, cats in social rooms can access the pens through an open window. Pens have shelters, litter boxes, food and water. Cats are brought in at night for their safety. On the inside, a small social room was created for kittens. And we now have an isolation area where cats first reside when transferred to the Center. If they have any stress-induced illnesses, we want to catch it here and not infect the other cats.

WHERE YOUR DOLLARS GO

Distemper: \$10 each. Kittens need 3 vaccinations. Each adult needs 2.
Rabies: \$12 Spay: \$80 Neuter: \$45
Snap-Combo Test: (Leukemia/AIDS test) \$45
Revolution treatment: \$18 every 30 days
Stool testing: \$18
Capstar: \$7 Nemex: \$6 (2-5 doses needed)
Albon treatment for Coccidia: \$30
Ear Mite Treatment: \$25
The food, cleaning, transporting, volunteer hours are done with love.

bring all of this together and to create a safety net for all these cats who for one reason or another fall through the cracks of the Maine Animal Welfare System. Thank you for sharing our load and making each day count for something good.
~ Norma Milton.



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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)

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FUNDRAISER DRAWING: CAT THEME TROLLBEAD BRACELET — VALUE \$650

We are currently working on our sweetest fundraiser of 2013. An entire Cat Themed Trollbead Bracelet donated by Monica's Scandinavian Imports on Sweden St. in Caribou. This beautiful bracelet is valued at more than \$650! Everyone wants it and only one person can win it. The drawing will be on December 21 at 3 pm. Send for your tickets now.

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for just \$12!

In the area, call 999-1075. To order from out of town, please send your check to HHPR, PO Box 488, Caribou, ME 04736. If you have address labels please include enough for your entry tickets. If you want your stubs, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you win, we will ship.

About the beads: The clasp is called Freja's knot. Freja is the Norse goddess of love and fertility. The first bead after the clasp is the Chinese (zodiac) Tiger. Next is the Family of Kittens followed by Mice on Cheese. All kittens love the Ball of Yarn and then there's Home, where we find warmth and love. In the center is the Tiger Eye, a precious stone. Roman soldiers wore Tiger Eye for protection. It helps us see things as they are so we have the opportunity to change

them. On the other side of the Tiger Eye is the Heart Ball. A heart for every person (or cat) you love. The glue that fuses them into a ball is you. And near to the heart is the sweet little Kitten, followed by the Big Cat (kittens grow up!) Next are the Lions: the Lion and the Lioness, symbolizing a noble spirit and courage. And finally is Leo, the loving lion.

Thank you for your support and Good Luck in the drawing!

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