

Halfway Home Pet Rescue — A Year in Review

We were frustrated in 2015 over the lack of time to do a newsletter, but we were just too busy saving feline lives. We thanked the good Lord for his help many times while we kept our nose to the grindstone. We are grateful to all of our volunteers and supporters for getting us through the year.

Part of our saving grace came from the Maine Help Fix Me Program deciding to support the sterilization of feral colonies if a feeder was present. We also earned the trust of the Cleo Fund/Miriam's Dream network which assisted us to sterilize trailer park colonies as well as low-income family pets and several barn cat colonies.

Our networking with several no-kill southern Maine shelters paid big dividends by allowing HHPR to transfer 153 cats and kittens to them for placements in good homes. Because of this networking, we were able to get more cats out of the cold last winter. With two months of the year ahead of us at the end of October, we have already helped **over 400 cats in 2015.**

We also worked with several cat hoarders. A total of **64 cats and kittens** were rescued from one hoarder situation. Several other hoarder sites involved **9 to 25 cats**

each. Rescuing from a hoarder is a short term blessing as it will certainly start back up again, but at least we made in-roads identifying the sites and we rescued the cats currently at risk. We found that many of the hoarder cats have serious dental diseases which are costly but so very necessary to treat.

Of the **64 cats from one hoarder** we had close to a dozen cats with such rotten teeth that they had to struggle to even eat wet food. We didn't shirk our mission...whether teeth, eyes, ears and frostbite injuries we marched faithfully to the drum beat of "we can do this."

We also worked with farmers to get their barn cats spayed/neutered.

This effort was very successful and will be continued in 2016.

Farmers were pleased not to have to worry about litters of kittens or to break up fights between their male cats. We also snap-combo tested for Leukemia/FIV, removed all parasites and gave vaccinations while the feral cats were under anesthesia. Thus, the farmer was guaranteed a healthy group of



Norma rocks and comforts Mindy after she was found frozen and abandoned last winter.

rodent patrollers in their barns.

This volunteer system is our blessing and our joy since because of them we accomplished more with less in 2015. *Thank you from all the HHPR cats and kittens.*

Norma Milton, President HHPR



When Mindy arrived at HHPR she was severely frostbitten and her ears and tail were damaged.

Halfway Home Pet Rescue, was give little grunts of pain for appreciation. But Mindy was strong and determined to survive.

Due to the frostbite, she lost about 5 inches of her tail, and the remainder had to be surgically corrected. While in foster care Mindy healed and grew to enjoy being gently held, rocked and comforted.

A few months later everything about Mindy's life became beautiful when HHPR found a loving family to adopt her. She is just one kitty of many we consider our beautiful poster kitties for 2015.

Mindy's Rescue Story

Your support helps make happy endings.

Last winter, young Mindy was a throw-away kitty. She was found abandoned in the worst of Northern Maine winters. Both her ears were so frostbitten they fell off. Her nose was terribly swollen and blistered as well as all four of her feet — making it impossible for her to walk. She was terribly thin and all she could do when she first came to Half-



Mindy is about a year old now and happily living with her new family in Van Buren, Maine.

Ways You Can Help

Donate items from our Wish List. We are always in need of the items below at the shelter.

- Friskies canned cat food – Chicken or Turkey
- Canned kitten food – Fancy Feast Turkey
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Purina Cat Chow – Complete (blue bag)
- Fancy Feast classics pate – Chicken or Turkey
- Litter (either non-clumping or clumping)
- Bleach
- Fragrance Free hand sanitizer
- Toys
- Scratching surfaces
- Pet beds
- Blankets, towels
- Postage stamps

Donation Drop off Locations:

- Second Chance Thrift Store, 31 Herschel St. Caribou
- HHPR Adoption Center, 489 Main St. Caribou
- Office: 11 Pioneer Ave. Caribou

Do you shop at Amazon?

You can donate to HHPR every time you shop. Go to smile.amazon.com on your computer and select Halfway Home Pet Rescue as your charity.

SECOND CHANCE

A thrift store to benefit the cats of HHPR.

31 Herschel St. Caribou

**Public Hours
Beginning**

January 1, 2016:

Tuesday through

Saturday

from 10 am to 4 pm

Closed Sunday and

Monday

Available for Adoption: Special Needs Cats



Buttercup

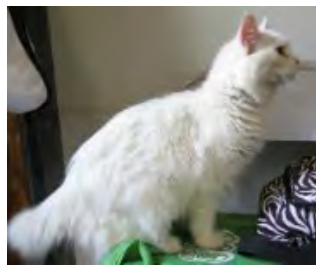
Buttercup is approximately 12 years old and in very good health. He is a neutered and DECLAWED buff & white short-hair with a very loving

personality. He does not like other cats and would choose to be the only cat in the home. He is clean about his environment and would be good as an only pet for most families including children or older people. He craves loving attention and would be a great lap cat.

Shasta

Shasta is a 12 year old, spayed long-hair, all white female who came to HHPR after her owner died. She is very beautiful and knows it.

HHPR did a blood profile on her and per the vet she has the health and personality of a 2 year old. She loves to play with toys especially those that squeak. She gets along with other cats, but is not especially fond of male cats. We recommend a home with adults or teens but no young children.



Our Mission

Halfway Home Pet Rescue is dedicated to improving the quality of life for stray animals in Aroostook County, Maine. We focus our mission on the rescue and rehabilitation of cats and kittens from Caribou and surrounding communities who are not eligible for admission to other area shelters. HHPR provides medical care, social and emotional rehabilitation through our foster home network and a safe haven that is "half way home."

HHPR is an all-volunteer, licensed 501c3 nonprofit and licensed by the State of Maine, ID number 94-3471733.

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The Dynamic Duo: Sonic & Kit



These two young cats are highly intelligent and full of personality. **Kit** is a beautiful tabby and **Sonic** has amazing eyes. They

have shared a room together for many weeks and love to chase each other, wrestle and play. They are not lap cats. If you like your cats a little on the independent side, this couple may be perfect for you. They need a home where they can have their freedom, places to climb, and people who are willing to truly understand them and allow them their space. We do not recommend a home with young children. If you would like to know more about Sonic and Kit, please call 207-999-1075 or complete our online application at halfwayhomepetrescue.org/adoption-application-form.

Wanted: A Home for Hope



Hope is a 5-year old spayed female who was given up because a new baby had entered the family. She is a very happy, healthy,

gentle and clean cat who enjoys other cats and if she has a conflict with another cat, she will simply walk away. Hope would be good with any size family. Hope has to be on a grain-free diet because of grain allergies. This food is made by several companies including Purina and can be purchased in most grocery stores and/or at Wal-Mart. It is reasonably priced and is at times on sale cheaper than most other cat foods. Hope desperately wants a home of her own and would be a great lap cat.

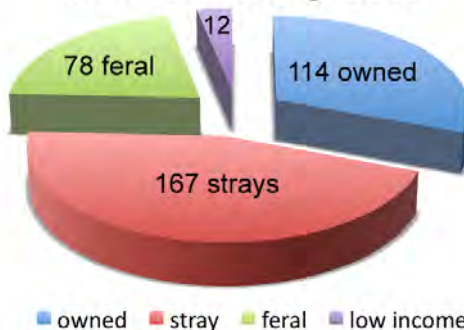
Volunteers Needed!

Do you love cats? Would you like to give your time or skills to help Halfway Home Pet Rescue? Below is a list of just a few of the ways you can help:

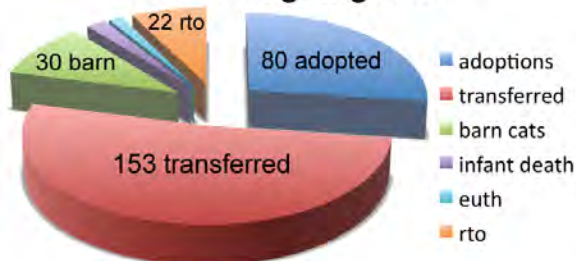
- Store clerk at the Second Chance Thrift Store
- Direct care volunteer at the Adoption Center
- In-home foster care for elderly cat and/or kittens (with or without mother cats available)
- Be a feral site feeder
- Help unload the food truck and sort items (once a month)
- Provide medical transportation (transport cats to vet in the morning for surgery and pick up later that day)

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please call 207-999-1075 or visit our website at halfwayhomepetrescue.org.

2014 Incoming Cats



2014 Outgoing Cats



Tax time is coming... and an opportunity to help support Maine's animals!

Here is a free and easy way to help Maine's animals. When you do your taxes, simply check the box on Schedule CP of your Maine State tax form. By checking this box it helps to ensure funding for Help Fix

ME, Maine's state-wide low-cost spay/neuter program. For more information about the program that helps so many, please visit www.spaymaine.org or like them on Facebook.

