



Halfway Home Pet Rescue

Feline Rescue & Rehabilitation

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A Message from Norma Milton



2017 was another busy year.

This was a year of miracles that has allowed HHPR to continue much needed programs and to expand for the most needy families and pets.

Income:

- **Grants:** \$43,500
- **Public donations:** \$24,125
- **Insurance beneficiary:** \$7000
- **Fundraising:** \$30,100

Expenses: \$77,748 including;

- **Vet care / Medical supplies:** \$32,194
- **Special needs cats:** \$10,246
- **Operating expenses:** Rent \$10,956 and \$24,000 for all operating expenses at the four locations; Adoption Center, Intake Center, Warehouse, and Second Chance Thrift Store.

Grant breakdown:

- **\$8,700 from Maine Community Foundation**

that was used for the 40 Broadway warehouse renovations.

- **\$1,000 from Bangor Savings Bank** for spay expenses.
- **\$33,800 donated by the Elmina Sewall Foundation Grant** which we used in March 2018 to purchase a new transport van.

Pet Population: Jan 2017 began with **64 in-house cats & kittens**.

Another **221 cats** came in. We had **203 live discharges**, 11 cats required euthanasia for severe injuries, extreme neglect, or a terminal diagnosis with main causes being cancer and vehicle accidents.

Only when our vet tells us there is **no hope of recovery and only suffering ahead** do we make a heartbreaking decision to relieve the suffering. Eleven heartbreaks or **about 5% of our total population** – but too many heartbreaks for HHPR volunteer hearts. Dec 2017 we had **71 cats / kittens for in-house care**.

Programs: We expanded pet feeding programs to **Meals on Wheels, feral colonies**, and other professionally referred **low-income families with pets** as well as continued **service to elderly and disabled families**. We fed about **200 animals daily (cats and dogs)** throughout the winter of 2017-2018.

HHPR is a huge volunteer team and the team mission is *WE CARE*.

All of these remarkable projects are made possible by our very **generous grantors and our 56 dedicated volunteers**. We also greatly appreciate our public donors and all the people who come to support our fundraising activities. I am so grateful to the following people:

Accounting and 990 preparation, **Beth Henderson and Corey Bogel** for all Quickbooks bookkeeping and budgetary items; **Mike Quinlan, CPA** of Rockwell and Quinlan for our 990 Federal Report; media & IT, **Robyn Smith**; newsletter design, **Andrea McPherson-Mesa**; direct cat care, all the volunteers at Adoption Center with guidance from **Nichol Soucy**; fundraising activities, all the store volunteers under the guidance of **Gail Gallagher**; coin boxes and returnable bottles fundraiser, **Judy Robertson** and building renovations, **Joel Violette**.

Also volunteers in the following programs: food truck, transport, medical transport, special projects, TNR for feral colonies, kitten foster homes, permanent foster homes for special needs cats, farmers who support our TNR Program for feral colonies, and landlords **John & Chi Chi Belanger**, Adoption Center and **Mark Kelly** for our Second Chance Thrift Store.

Help for Graylee – Your \$1 Donation Can Make a Big Difference

Halfway Home Pet Rescue recently admitted little Graylee to receive rehabilitation at a foster home. She was struck by a car near Littleton and remained on the side of the road for hours on a cold rainy day as hundreds of cars drove by her. Finally a young couple stopped to rescue her and take her for medical care.

Graylee is very thin, dehydrated and has several broken bones. She has since come into HHPR for continued care until her medical situation is more stable and then she will be permanently adopted by her Rescue Angels. Each day we see her improve just a little.

Graylee's worst time of day is when she has to be bathed because she is not able to keep herself clean at this time. Her best time appears to be a draw between having a choice of several choices of food to enjoy and the warmth of being wrapped securely in a blanket and rocked for 20 minutes until she falls asleep after the trauma and pain of her daily bath.

Graylee is believed to be about 10 years old. She is very loving and likes to talk or grumble when having to take her medication or get ready for her bath. She has become very alert and appears to be quite intelligent. She will continue at her HHPR foster home for about 6 weeks with the need to go weekly to our vet for observation and to change the cast. Her left front leg is broken in two places and her right front paw has four broken bones and is now also in a cast. She also has a great many bruises.

Graylee's medical care will be expensive and we are **re-creating our \$1.00 donation challenge** directly in honor of helping Graylee's recovery. If you can afford a dollar, please share it with Graylee with a short note of comforting love. Graylee wants to recover and you can see this in her face each time she is touched. **Please send your \$1.00 contribution to HHPR "Graylee" P.O. Box 488, Caribou, ME 04736.**



Financial Help is Available for Spay / Neuter

Maine Animal Welfare Dept. Help Fix Me • 28 State House Station • Augusta, Maine 04333-0028 • Tel: 800-367-1317 or 207-287-7621 • (low-income only)

Cleo Fund • PO Box 43 • West Kennebunk, ME 04094 • Tel: 207-773-6211

To Report Animal Abuse, Neglect, Abandonment, etc.

Call 800-367-1317 or 207-287-7621 They will honor your request to be anonymous but they will need your name and telephone for their in-house records. Give basic facts with no long running stories about the case. Just plain FACTS: Type of abuse or neglect, the person's name, address and telephone (if you know it).

Van Donation Enables HHPR to Continue Outreach Programs

Another miracle has happened for the Halfway Home Pet Rescue programs of food supply transport, feline transport, thrift store transport and the feral colony Trap, Neuter Release (T/N/R) program.

The HHPR Board of Directors were finding it extremely difficult to carry on all the current activities of the rescue without having a safe, reliable transport system, however, the pet rescue received a grant from the **Elmina B. Sewall Foundation** of \$33,800 in late 2017 for the purchase of a transport van.

The rescue has now purchased a new 2017 Dodge Ram Promaster cargo van which will enable the organization to continue all the community out-reach programs.

"The **Sewall Foundation** supports work in Maine to improve the well-being of people, animals and environment," according to its website. HHPR is very grateful for their huge donation to keep our community programs growing.



HHPR appreciates all the kindness our supporters give to us though food supplies, financial donations and volunteerism for our homeless feline programs.



Cats Available for Adoption



Socks

Professional Mouser Seeks Position

Socks is a young adult neutered male tuxedo who is very cautious of people but is good around other cats. He has a keen hunting instinct and he clearly would prefer

to have a job that keeps him busy and away from people who want to pet him. He does allow some of our volunteers to give him a little pat once in awhile but that took time to build trust. He LOVES to play hunting games with people and be rewarded with treats. We want **Socks** to be happy and would really love to find him a person who is willing to meet his needs and not expect a loving lap cat. Small children are a definite NO for him. There is **no adoption fee for Socks**.

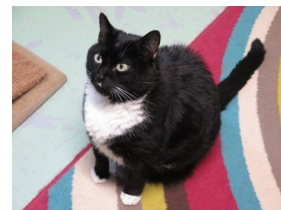


Donnie

Sweet little Donnie has been living at the Halfway Home Adoption Center for over a year. He is about 3 or 4 years old and has all his medical completed. He lives loose with up to 8 other young adult cats in our rumpus room and gets along very well with

them. **Donnie** would like to become a family member to a quiet family or couple and he would be fine with children over 4 years old. He doesn't hiss or fight just moves away from anyone who might maul him. You won't find a more well mannered cat than **Donnie**.

Waiting for Their "Fur-ever" Families



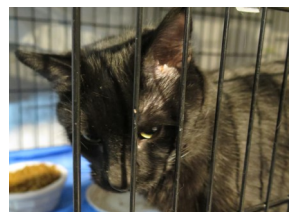
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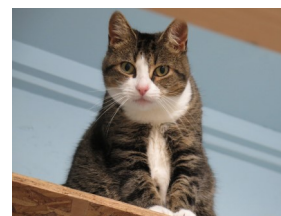
Luna



Matthias



Twilight



Martha Stewart



Nicky

If you are interested in adopting any of the cats in this newsletter please contact HHPR at: 207-999-1075 or email: admin@halfwayhomepetrescue.org

SECOND CHANCE THRIFT STORE



Visit HHPR's **Second Chance Thrift Store** at 31 Herschel St. in Caribou. All profit of the store goes directly to the medical bills of our homeless cats.

Bake sales are held the first Sat of each month. Also now taking donations of good used furniture.

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm

Volunteer Manager: Gail Gallagher

Become a Foster Family for Kittens or a Special Needs Cat

Halfway Home will conduct an introductory course on fostering felines to help pet rescues and shelters to save more lives on **Saturday, May 12th from 1 to 3:30 pm** (place to be announced).



Schedule:

- **1 to 2 pm:** Fostering young kittens and why the ASPCA is focused on "Wait until 8" to save young kittens lives. What fostering involves for you and what you can expect for help from HHPR.
- **2 to 2:30 pm:** Fostering the elderly cat or special need cat. Giving love to a grieving cat. How to prepare your heart. What can you expect for help from the rescue.
- **15 minute break:** (refreshments will be provided)
- **2:45 to 3:15 pm:** How the foster system can reward you and your family. How fostering can help teach your family about compassion, responsibility and paying forward. How fostering can heal a lonely heart.
- **3:15 to 3:30 pm:** Your chance to ask questions of current foster families.

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.

Current Wish List

Urgent Needs:

Litter, Fresh Step both clumping and non clumping, or any type of clumping litter
Canned Food, especially Friskies and Fancy Feast (*we do not feed beef flavor*)
Human canned Tuna Fish in water, Salmon, Chicken (*for our sick cats and kittens*)

Ongoing Needs:

Garbage Bags (13 & 30 gal.)
Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Dish Detergent
Wipes
Monetary Donations on Vet Bill at – Presque Isle Animal Hospital, 352 Mapleton Rd, Presque Isle, ME 04769

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