



Halfway Home Pet Rescue

Feline Rescue & Rehabilitation

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Notes from Norma



2018 has been a challenging, productive and rewarding year. It has been an exceptional year for finding wonderful placement for *special needs and hard to place cats*.

Sometimes even though a cat might be hard to handle or have special needs, we understand the reason for the behavior. We have learned that the right home will come, although sorry to see him or her leave, we are joyful for the cat's opportunity. We do not hurry our cats out of the system until we are positive the new home will suit the cat and the family.

The 2017 donations of food and a transport van from **the Sewall Foundation** and the renovation of our warehouse by **Maine Community Foundation, Staples Construction and Joel Violette** enabled HHPR to keep all programs going throughout this financially difficult year.

We continue to network with other shelters and rescues in southern Maine. We are fortunate that they pitch in to help HHPR when our population becomes too high. We have joined forces with **Friends of Feral Felines, Hope Harbor, Coastal Humane, HART, ARLGP and AWS**. By working together we make a huge difference.

Our food pantry provides assistance to the Agency on Aging Meals on Wheels program, State Animal Welfare program, as well as the adoption center, foster homes, intake center, feral colonies, and many elderly low-income and disabled families.

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Pictured from left are: Corey Estabrook, Casey Estabrook, Wes Holmes, Norma Milton (holding Stormy) and Chris Corbin.

Winter 2018



Rescue Angels

Thompson Crew to the Rescue

One cold October night, there appeared to be no way to rescue the tiny cat who had spent 3 days and nights, 40 to 50



feet up a 60 foot tree in the Caswell/Hamlin area. One attempt to climb the tree resulted in a broken branch and a fall.

After many calls for help, HHPR reached out to **Alan Thompson of Thompson Tree Service and his son, Adam Thompson, in Washburn, ME**.

Within minutes a rescue team was organized and the Thompson men responded to the call for help with their large box truck. The beautiful cat was rescued due mainly to the Thompson men and their community spirit and kind hearts.

Shoppers Help Save Kitten from Storm Drain

Approximately 25 people gathered at the Presque Isle Mall, attempting to save a 4 week old, 1 1/3 lb kitten who had fallen at least 6 feet into a storm drain. Calls to the municipal agencies appeared that no one was available to help save the kitten.

Concerned shoppers continued their vigil while several young people worked with HHPR to bring the kitten up to safety.

Affectionately named, Stormy Culvert, the kitten spent 2 weeks at an HHPR foster home to recover and then was later adopted by Casey Estrabrook.

Socks Finds a Home at Last

Socks has been a big ticket item with plenty of catitude and protection issues. He came from a rough environment and not only protected himself but every other cat in the adoption center especially when vaccinations or medicines were being given. Those claws were deep.



After **almost 2 years**, he finally went to **Sally O'Neal's horse farm** when he became like a *watch dog* following and loving Sally and Gerard around while they did the farm chores. As he mellowed, he decided he would like to be a house cat as well, with Sally's encouragement. However, because of allergies she was not able to have him in the house.

We were able to place him in Etna, Maine with the **Barbara Rice family**. A family that has take a couple of other difficult cats. He has become their watch cat and protects the farm and the office. We all loved Socks recognizing his unique qualities and although we will miss him, we know he is **finally really happy**.



Sonic & KitKat — Together Forever

Sonic and KitKat had lived together for 2 1/2 years and bonded very tightly together never letting each other out of

their sight. KitKat came from a feral colony and rarely wanted any attention from humans.

Sonic came from a very abusive environment when the police went in to rescue him. It took 3 months to get through Sonic's anger and defenses. He and KitKat shared a room of their own and Sonic would only allow certain volunteers near them — those he loved, but other volunteers were stalked and held accountable for any grievous cry from any cat in the shelter. Finally they went to live with Norma until a perfect family asked for adoption of great rodent hunters. They both have complete freedom of the farm now, although KitKat is the hunter and Sonic has become a couch potato.



Brutus & Oliver on Patrol

Brutus and Oliver came from the same feral colony as Rose and Dustin. They proved to be true feral cats and after all medical was completed, they now work as rodent patrol at a well run warehouse. Brutus, like Dustin, had lost an ear from frostbite and needed to have massive dental repair. They are now truly happy boys to be staying together and enjoy their new living quarters.

DONATE TO HHPR

Send check or money order to: HHPR, P.O. Box 488, Caribou ME 04736

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Greatest Need: \$ _____ Sponsor a Cage (\$20 monthly donation): \$ _____

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____

If your gift is **in memory or in honor of someone**, please include their mailing address below:

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please print clearly to ensure accuracy.

A Second Chance for Special Cats and Happy Tails!



Dustin was living with a feral cat colony apparently hoping for their protection as well as for them to teach him survival skills. At only 10 mos old he had lost one ear and had multiple wounds and an extremely weary and sad demeanor. After being captured, HHPR

volunteers soon discovered a sweet, playful and very affectionate kitten heart. **Dustin** did test FIV and the Hart Animal Shelter accepted him into their FIV room to play with other cats until his final journey to a new loving home.

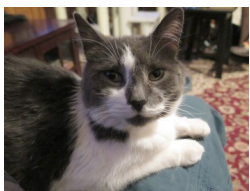


John came to HHPR as a stray found on an isolated road in Woodland. He tested positive for FIV and for many shelters this could be a death sentence, but truthfully many FIV cats can live healthy lives for many years. John was traveled to Coastal Humane Shelter in

Brunswick, ME where he will be able to live happily with several other FIV cats until a permanent placement can be found for him.



Graylee was found laying on the side of a lonely road on a very cold rainy night and brought to HHPR. She had 6 broken bones and was severely dehydrated and nothing but skin and bones. It took many weeks of HHPR TLC and vet care before **Graylee** was able to go home with her rescuers for a life of love and contentment.



Shawna is an elderly cat with digestive issues. She had gone through two homes where her owner had died and did not have much interest in our potential adopters. She just wanted to curl up and wait her turn. **Mary Rowe** stepped forward soon after she had lost her own beloved

cat and she and **Shawna** bonded immediately. The two are living happily and **Shawna** has become young at heart again.



Percy was difficult and described as almost a bi-polar personality. However, he was adopted by a family who had plenty of space and he soon became their lap cat and now even sleeps with the older daughter. All he wanted was to be understood and listened to. **Percy was finally home and happy.**



Rose, 1 1/2 years, was captured in a Caribou feral colony and was terribly afraid of humans. After several weeks in a foster home, she was visited by **Marcia Simonds of Presque Isle**. After just a few months Rosie is now a lap cat and enjoys living the good life.



Veronica and Betty came from a feral colony on Veronica St. in Caribou. They became close friends while being fostered and

tamed during 3 1/2 years at the Adoption Center. **Danny Steeves of Stockholm** adopted them and now they are content being lap cats.



Angel was about 12 years old when her owner died. Because of her weight & shy-ness no one showed any interest in her but volunteers saw the sunny side of her personality. **Angel** has been adopted into a lovely family.



Connor came to HHPR with a 4 year old heart and a beat-up body. While his wounds healed he loved soft talk and touch. He was adopted by the **Brianna Caron family**.



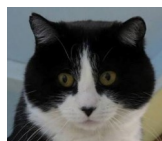
Jimmy was in our adoption center for over a year because he was elderly and with digestive issues no one seemed to want him. His former owner had died and Jimmy continued to grieve. **Carol Searles** lost her 20 year old cat and decided to foster Jimmy. They became a permanent two-some and are now living happily ever after.

If you are interested in adopting a cat into your family, please contact HHPR at: 207-999-1075 or email: admin@halfwayhomepetrescue.org

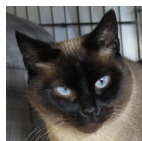
Waiting for Their “Fur-ever” Families

To schedule an appointment to visit our adoptable cats, please contact HHPR at: 207-999-1075.

To learn about our adoption process, please visit our website, halfwayhomepetrescue.org



Donnie



Heidi



Tank



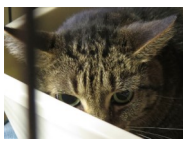
Bandit



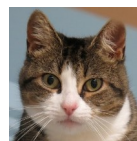
Sassy

Sierra & Shelly
(calico sisters)

Simon & Sampson



Tigger



Martha Stewart

Your Trash is Our Treasure!

Proceeds from your donations help pay our vet bills.

HHPR is collecting used shoes and sneakers in good condition for our shoe recycling fundraiser. Please drop off shoes at **11 Pioneer Ave. in Caribou**. We also continue with the bottles and cans redemption fundraiser. You can drop off bottles & cans at **88 Bennett Drive Redemption in Caribou** or at the **Presque Isle Redemption in Presque Isle**. **Please tell the service person, at each location, that your redemption is to be donated to Halfway Home Pet Rescue in Caribou.**



Shop Second Chance Thrift Store

Great for Christmas Bargains!



HHPR's Second Chance Thrift Store at **31 Herschel St. in Caribou**. All profit from the store goes directly to the medical bills for our homeless cats. **Hours are: Monday - Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm**



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Recently, we received note that a family when thanking the agency for the supplies said, “Now we can buy some firewood and get warm.” They had to make a choice and they chose to buy food for their animals. Our mission, in addition to emphasizing emergency care for stray, feral and abandoned cats, includes a complete health screening, spay/neuter and addressing any dental issues. We have a priority program that helps keep families and their pets together. With this in mind, we have worked with the **Battered Women’s Shelter, Homeless Shelter and the Homeless Veterans Program**.

Halfway Home Pet Rescue is a **feline rescue and rehabilitation center** and we earnestly work toward reducing pet overpopulation, enhancing the life of any animals at risk, and helping to keep the entire family together through the stress of family crises. We all **thank you for any support you are able to donate** to the program whether supplies or financial donations.

**Norma Milton, President
Halfway Home Pet Rescue, Inc.**

Christmas 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 / Wipes
Dish Detergent
Monetary Donations for our vet bills

**A special
THANK YOU to
MMG Insurance Co.
of Presque Isle, ME for
donating the printing
of our newsletter.**



Rachel Fortin & family adopted 4 cats from a feral colony for their heated warehouse. Siblings Paula & Paul, Mom Marla and Uncle Smokey – keeping the feline family together.