



Shelter mews



It Takes A Village

At Second Chance Animal Shelter (SCAR) we are fortunate to have such a dedicated team of staff, volunteers and board members who work, both at the shelter and from home, to take care of the many cats and kittens and our building. They step up and run the many programs at SCAR—from our cat rescue efforts, to our many clinics (spay/neuter, vaccination, and nail trim), to fundraising, and to everything else. SCAR wouldn't be here without them, or the many individual and business donors—it takes all of us!

This summer there were so many examples of the community stepping up and working together for SCAR—whether we're talking about those who help feed, clean and care for the cats, or those that help each year at the Tent Sale and other fundraisers, or even those who hold their own fundraisers for SCAR. They all encourage the next generation of animal lovers to make a difference for cats who can't help themselves. They are all so inspiring!

After the last few years of isolation and social distancing, everyone at SCAR is excited to finally be able to be back out in the community connecting with our friends and neighbors and continuing to raise awareness of our mission.



Students from Mildred C. Lakeway Elementary in Littleton, with help from Coach Dorr, held a bake sale fundraiser with proceeds going to SCAR as part of their Girls on the Run 2023. They raised \$487 for the cats. Way to go, girls!



Yoga instructor Chelsey LaFleur of Balanced Butterfly held a donation-based yoga meditation class at SCAR. The cats were mesmerized!



Jan Johnston at the Berlin Public Library

This summer we participated in the Employee Wellness Fair at the New England Wire Technologies in Lisbon. Volunteer Jan Johnston spoke to children at the Berlin, NH Public Library's summer program about animal rights and helped them design cat toys and adoption goodie bags for the shelter kitties.

As the summer of 2023 comes to a close and we plan for the future, we know our local communities will have our back!

~ Gabby Sweet

Sixth graders from Milan Village Elementary held a clothing fundraiser and raised \$300 for SCAR. Lily, Aubrey, Shaleah, and family stopped by the shelter on 6/6/2023 to drop off their donation and spend some playtime with the kitties. Thank you for thinking of us!



Ty and Kya Carlaw from Sugar Hill wanted to help the cats at SCAR so they made bracelets out of tiny colored elastics and sold them at the Tent Sale along with water and soft drinks donated by their family. They raised \$520 exceeding their goal of \$500. Great job! Board members Jan & Karen proudly display their purchases.



Joe Cimino regularly plugs SCAR on his weekly radio show every Saturday at 5pm on The Notch 106.3 at and streaming globally. He records from the MOJO Music Studio in Easton. Keep it coming Uncle Joe—and Thank You!

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OUR MISSION

To provide homeless animals with a second chance at life and companionship in a no-kill shelter.

Our organization goes beyond shelter walls and is committed to:

- 1) Positive people and animal relationships and placements
- 2) Offering affordable spay, neuter and vaccination clinics
- 3) Cooperative rescue efforts
- 4) Animal welfare education

Second Chance Animal Rescue is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and our EIN is 27-2815668. SCAR receives no federal or state tax money; nor portions of donations made to national humane organizations.



Aren't Cats Wonderful?

Cats in War—Forgotten Heroes

Cats have been clawing their way into wartime history for a long time. Sailors and cats have a special relationship that dates back thousands of years. The ancient Egyptians were likely the first seafarers to realize the value of having cats as shipmates. In addition to offering sailors much needed companionship, cats provided protection by ridding ships of rodents. Without their help, a crew might find their ship overrun with rats and mice that would eat into precious food stores, chew through ropes, and spread disease. Superstitious sailors believed that cats protected them by bringing good luck.

Despite their small, fluffy nature and their propensity to do as they please, they had their place in the Civil War, WW I, and WW II. War veteran "Pooli" who rated three service ribbons and four battle stars served aboard an attack transport during WW II. "Jinx" was a wartime mascot at a Texas base for training heavy-bombardment crews. Although she didn't see any action, she was a real "flying cat" and chalked up plenty of hours in the air.

"Salty" became a US Coast Guard mascot at the San Diego Station in California by becoming the first cat to take part in a rescue mission. It happened when she stowed away on an amphibian reconnaissance plane with her kittens. The three cats were on board when the plane took off on its way to rescue a pilot whose plane had crashed at sea.

Even today a good mouser is still celebrated and cherished. Pfc Hammer proved his mettle when he decided to move in with the troops of a US Army unit in Iraq in 2004, killing and chasing away mice that might have devoured and contaminated the soldiers' food stores. The men were so grateful for Hammer's hard work and affection towards them that they actually made him an honorary member of their unit and applied for and received help from Alley Cat Allies and Military Mascots to bring Hammer home to America after their deployment. Hammer now lives in Colorado with his old comrade, Staff Sergeant Rick Bousfield.

On Veterans Day we remember those men and women who served and gave their lives in wartime. It is also appropriate to acknowledge and remember the animals that served with them, many saving lives of humans while giving their own. Lesser known and often forgotten are the 500,000 cats of WW I that were literally in the trenches with the soldiers. They were more than just mascots who comforted and boosted morale. They killed rats and mice, protected food, and served as an early warning system for bombs and as gas detectors. Their value was so great that even in war-torn countries they were allowed dried milk rations.

~Jackie Allison



Salty and her two kittens



Pfc Hammer



Pooli

Sources: *Cats in the Sea Services* by Scott Christenson, *The National World War II, Museum of New Orleans*, petplace.com, *Purr n' Fur* by Patrick Roberts, thebestcatpage.com, and purrandwar.com

Those Cool Calicos

A calico is not a breed of cat, rather it is a cat of any breed having a tri-colored coat that is typically white, orange, and black. The three colors are in distinct patches, not mixed as in a tortoiseshell cat. Variations include cream, brown, and reddish orange. The white is 25-75% of their fur. While tortoiseshell cats have similar coloration, black is their dominant color. Calicos are rare (about 1 in 1,000 cats) and most are female. Only 1 in 3,000 calicos are male and most often sterile.



A calico is known for having a spunky, assertive, and independent personality. They are also sweet, loving, and loyal. The calico is also the official cat of Maryland, chosen because the colors of its fur are similar to that of the state bird, the Baltimore Oriole. Similarly, the beautiful dilute calico has the same coloring pattern as a normal calico, but the colors are much less intense. The black is grayish blue and the red is rather creamy.

Because of their rarity, calico and dilute calico cats are considered lucky by many around the world. They are thought to bring good luck and fortune to families that adopt them. That luck and fortune may be just having such an adorable companion in your home.

~ Carl Schafer

Sources: *PetPlace*, *PetsRadar*, and *The Spruce Pets*



Senior Spotlight

Princess Annie

Twelve-year-old Princess Annie has had it a bit rough the last few years. She first came to our shelter in May of 2019 because her owner was moving and couldn't (or didn't want to) bring pets. Likely because of Princess Annie's age (she was 8-9 years old at the time) and because of her temperament (friendly but sassy). She waited at the shelter for a year before finally being adopted!



Sadly, she came back to us this year in June after we were informed that her adopter had moved away and left her behind. She'd also apparently spent quite some time fending for herself out-

doors, and was dirty and a bit thin.

Princess Annie is now safe and sound back here at Second Chance, but of course she is now even older, and senior kitties are often passed over for adoption. Annie enjoys being patted on her head, and she is a beautiful calico with thumbs on her front paws. She expects to be treated like the princess that she knows she is!

We predict that she would not do well in a home with children or dogs, but she has lived with another cat previously. She doesn't like cats/kittens that bother her or invade her space, but she can co-exist with another cat that is perfectly happy to be roommates but not best friends. This old girl really needs a safe, cushy place to call home - this time, a home that is truly forever.

~ Gabby Sweet

Cat Tails: Melo & Chloe

"I am so happy to see them growing together. They absolutely love and care for each other. Chloe is braver than Melo, so Melo follows her lead when he is meeting new people. We love them so much. Han made cardboard box castles all over the house! We assure you that they are living the dream! Han & Emily D."



Cat Tails: Pixie

"I love Pixie. She's perfect. Playful, cuddly, eating, pooping, all systems working great. Loves to be groomed. Still shy with strangers but will come out with a little treat coaxing. She loves her screened porch and yowls to go out there. Talks more than I do."



Many thanks to all of you at Second Chance. You should be very proud of what you do. Many thanks from a very happy adopter. Jackie B."

About Barn Cats

Many people may have heard the term "barn cat" or they may be aware of our Barn Cat Program, but many may not know just how impactful this program is, or just what exactly goes into caring for the feral cats in our community.

When someone traps and brings in a feral stray cat, they are given a full work-up, which includes spay/neuter surgery, flea preventative and deworming, rabies and distemper vaccinations, microchipping, and feline leukemia/feline immunodeficiency virus and fecal testing. The average cost for all of this is close to what we ask for an adoption fee. That's of course not including the rare cases when a feral cat may have coccidia, an injury or illness, or some other issue that requires other medication or care.

Shelter staff and volunteers work many hours with feral cats and kittens that are brought in either too feisty or shy. Many, especially the kittens, are rehabilitated and can be adopted into loving homes. If a cat is truly feral, the most compassionate choice is generally to let them live outdoors. Luckily, instead of immediately euthanizing



"feral" cats like many shelters do, SCAR is able to offer Barn Cat Adoptions for feral cats with no other options, respecting these cat's inner needs without ending their lives.

Our cats are placed into safe barn homes. The property owner is required to provide shelter, food, and water.

In return, the cats control the rodent population. While these cats have no interest in being a lap cat, they are hard workers intent on earning their keep, and use spare time to roll in the dirt and sun bathe.

As we can't guarantee that a barn cat won't run away once it's adopted, and because charging a full adoption fee would deter many people just looking for a mouser for their farm, we don't charge an adoption fee for barn cats—though many do make a donation which is always welcome.

When you send a donation to Second Chance you are helping us to take care of these cats that otherwise use resources that aren't recouped through their adoptions. Helping cats and kittens is what we are here to do, but we cannot provide the medical care, food, and litter for these cats without funds. Even if we can't always pet them, it doesn't mean we can't love and care for them. You can also help by giving a feral cat a home and a job! If interested, please give us a call or send us an email.

~ Gabby Sweet

Annual Tent Sale Fundraiser

Frankie crunched the numbers, and he's determined that this year's Annual Giant Tent Sale Fundraiser was a huge success! We met new people, reconnected with previous adopters and donors, had fun, worked up a sweat, and of course raised money to keep our shelter doors open. We'd like to thank every volunteer



and donor who made it possible, with a big shout-out Thank You going to Abbott Rental, Meadow Leasing Inc., Cumberland Farms, and Ed Carbonneau. Your support is so appreciated, and we couldn't help the pets of the North country without you all. Thank you!!!



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Wish List

- ♥ Postage Stamps
- ♥ Gift Cards
- ♥ Dishwasher Detergent
- ♥ 13-gal. Trash Bags
- ♥ Laundry Detergent
- ♥ Paper Towels
- ♥ White Unscented Clay Cat Litter
- ♥ Purina Kitten Chow
- ♥ Purina Cat Chow Complete
- ♥ Black Oil Sunflower Seed

Cat Tails: Gypsy

"We adopted Gypsy 6 months ago. She was very shy and timid when we first got her and it did take a few months for her to come out of her shell. She still has her moments but she comes to you on her terms. We love her so dearly. Dawn L."



You Can Help

We know that you're swamped with requests for donations. While you support the big national organizations that help animals, we ask that you first consider giving to your local shelter. You can visit us any time and see your gifts at work, giving the local area's abandoned and abused cats and kittens a "Second Chance"!

MONETARY DONATIONS

Your donation is 100% tax deductible. Please mail your check today or donate securely online at www.secondchancear.org

TRIBUTE GIFTS

Tribute gifts can be made in memory of or in honor of a pet or loved one. A card will be sent upon request.

WISH LIST DONATIONS

Help keep our supply closet stocked up year round. See our wish lists at www.secondchancear.org, www.chewy.com and www.amazon.com

GIFTS OF STOCK & ANNUITIES

Stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other securities, along with transferring of real estate offer alternative ways to donate that can benefit both you, your heirs and SCAR.

EBAY SELLABLES

Donate jewelry, antiques and estate valuables for resale on EBay. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS

Many workplaces coordinate charitable giving campaigns for their employees.

VEHICLE DONATION

Donating your unwanted car is simple, easy, and free, plus it 100% tax deductible. www.careasy.org will convert your car into cash, which becomes a much-needed donation to SCAR!

DONATE WHILE SHOPPING

You shop online, SCAR gets money! For free, with no cost to you! Sign up at iGive.com

ESTATE GIFTS

Include SCAR in your will, trust or with a beneficiary designation.

VOLUNTEER

Join us and help the cats and kittens who can't help themselves. You'll also make new friends and have fun! Fill out a Volunteer Application today.

FOSTER

Can you open your home occasionally to house a mom and her kittens until they're old enough to be adopted; or house a needy cat on a short term basis when the shelter is full? Call the shelter for more information.