



Shelter mews



Wow! What a Year!

As 2022 comes to a close we want to reflect on this past year and also look forward to the next. 2022 was in many ways a difficult year for our community's pet owners and pets, as well as for us here at the shelter.

Our local communities have seen a few veterinary offices close their doors for good, making it much harder to find a vet that will take new patients. Pet owners are also seeing much longer waits for appointments at their regular vets. COVID-19 continues to complicate all of our lives.

We've taken part in some very difficult rescues involving hoarding situations, abandoned and surrendered cats and more. We also took in a large group of vulnerable cats and kittens from the Southern states, where companion animals are extremely vulnerable to euthanasia in shelters. Our volunteers and staff put in countless extra hours, as we often had too many kitties and just not enough help. We are always in need of volunteers—please reach out if you are interested.

While SCAR has faced some tough times this year, our successes make it all worth it! So far this year **we've taken in 244 cats and kittens;** found loving homes for over 200; helped over 1000 local pets at our clinics; had a record tent sale fundraiser and of course made wonderful memories **with many different people and animals. We've had multiple donors and businesses warm our hearts by holding unique and thoughtful fundraisers for us, especially Littleton Food Co-op who raised over \$6500 for our shelter through their Partner of the Month program.** We gained some new volunteers, and have been thrilled to watch many baby kittens grow up in their new homes through the numerous social media updates **we've received from adopters.**

Perhaps one of our biggest achievements of the year is that we have spayed and neutered 617 animals at our low-cost clinics and that number is likely to be around 740 or so by the end of the year! We have prevented thousands of unwanted animals from

being born because of our hard work and commitment—and your commitment by supporting us.

We generally hold 12-14 clinics per year, but to keep up with the ever-increasing requests, we ended up scheduling 20 for the year. We are so proud of our volunteers who have donated hundreds of hours and made these clinics possible.

We would also like to once again give a HUGE thank you to Dr. Sara White of Spay ASAP, Inc. She travels over an hour and a half (one way) to perform these surgeries at our shelter. She visits other shelters and rescues as well, and this year she hit an amazing 60,000 spay or neuter surgeries performed so far in her career!



Dr. Sara White in surgery at SCAR.



A Long Vaccination Clinic Line

We also held three low-cost vaccination clinics thanks to Whitefield Animal Hospital and Woodlands Veterinary Clinic. These veterinarians, along with **SCAR's board, staff and volunteers,** are committed to continue offering low-cost clinics in the area.

While during this past year SCAR has once again rescued and found new homes for hundreds of cats and kittens, contributed pet food and advice to people in need, and provided much needed clinics—we know our work is far from over. We continue to thoughtfully plan a possible shelter remodel and we know that there will always be pets and people that need our help. With the support of our adopters, volunteers, staff, and donors, we will be here to answer the call. **Here's to 2023! ~Gabby Sweet**



Volunteer Event



Vaccination Clinic



Planning Meeting

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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?

Do Cats See Colors?



Cats are unique creatures with **amazing eyes**. It's a common misconception that they can't see colors, only shades of grey. What exact colors can a cat see is still up for some debate. The most likely answer is they see in a similar way to how a color-blind person sees, which is in muted tones of blues, yellows, greens, and greys. Reds and pinks may look more like green, and purple may seem like another shade of blue.

Cats see color as a result of the construction of their eyes. Humans and cats both have two types of color receptors in their eyes which are

cones and rods. Cones handle vision during the day along with color perception. Rods tackle what can be seen at night and peripheral vision. The reason **felines' range of hues is limited compared to humans is because they don't have as many cone cells** as people do. We actually have 10 times more than cats. In contrast, cats have a higher amount of rod cells than humans, which is what allows them to see better at night.

Now that you know what colors your cat can see, you can use this knowledge when purchasing toys for them. Why not select playthings in blues, yellows, and greens since they can see these colors more clearly? ~ Jackie Allison

Sources: Daily Paws, purina.com.uk, and Kery L. Ketring, DVM- All Animal Eye Clinic, and Dr. D.J. Haeussler of The Animal Eye Institute



Cat Tails: Abby

"Here is a picture of Abby who we got back in January. She has calmed down a lot and rules the roost. Our dogs yield to the queen. She is doing great and we love her very much. Heidi U."



Summer Fundraiser Shout-Outs!



Over the summer we had a few wonderful individuals fundraise for Second Chance! Mandy Young and her two sons, Camden and Jayden, worked on a fundraiser in memory of their beloved cat Super Grover. They placed donation jars and sold handmade jewelry at local busi-

nesses, as well as at their local farmers market, and donated almost \$800 at the end of the summer!

Karen Naro, who each year gifts homemade basil pesto to friends and family, decided this year to ask folks for donations in exchange for her celebrated pesto (she called this endeavor Pesto 4 Paws). Her donation came to \$300 for our shelter! (Plus a friend of hers was inspired to donate \$100 herself as well.)

CHAT (Children Helping Animals Together) is a student club at the Lisbon Regional School. They recently visited the shelter to drop off a feral cat villa they built along with a check for \$50. The animals in the North Country are lucky to have such committed students!



You don't have to do anything flashy or spend a ton of money to hold a big fundraiser to do good in your community. Sometimes, all you need is a big heart and an idea! Thank you so much to Karen, the Young family, the CHAT group and all of our amazing donors. ~Gabby Sweet

Misty's Legacy

Several years ago we inherited a cat from a family member. She was a petite gray and white female who was gorgeous and appropriately named Misty. She was a very reserved cat, hesitant to seek human company. We brought Misty back to New Hampshire to live with us and our other female cats, Maui and Tiki.

Maui and Tiki had ruled our household for quite a while and they did not take kindly to this newcomer. Misty was thus "cat-fined" to my office. As I worked from home she became affectionately known as my "Office Girl." We became good friends but the office remained her domain. Misty finally decided that enough was enough. She informed the other two cats that this was her home too and they would rule together. And so they did in a much friendlier manner.



I could watch television with her on my lap. I would read a book in bed before nodding off and Misty would lie on my chest. I used to joke about her petite daintiness and having unusually small "pointy paws." Getting settled on my chest was thus an uncomfortable process for me - yet most welcome.



It has now been several years since Misty left us. Do we miss her? For sure! She is never forgotten. Her mementos still speak to us, saying "please adopt others; care for and love them as you have loved me."

In our sadness after Misty's passing, a friend told us about a cat shelter in Littleton. We investigated and adopted two wonderful cats from Second Chance, Cinder and Calypso (Callie for short).

As Misty wished, we love these cats dearly. We have also enjoyed volunteering at the shelter for the last eight years and are thankful for the opportunity to bond with many other cats, kittens, and cat-loving volunteers. Thank you Misty, from the bottom of our hearts. Your wishes live on. ~Carl Schafer

Cat Tails: Janey

"Just wanted to update you that Miss Janey is warming up to her new home quite well! She never even went into hiding but did a ton of bopping everything for a few days. She is quite the lovable cat and starting to come out of her shell even more.



Thank you for taking good care of her. She has a bunch of new toys and gets wet food every night! She knows the routine and gets very vocal about it lol. **Bonnie C.**"

Volunteer Spotlight: Stephanie McMahon

On The Move Again

A self-proclaimed "military kid" Stephanie McMahon says dogs and cats, with an occasional hamster or fish, were always in tow during the families' multiple moves. By the age of 5 her kitties were a constant source of comfort and unconditional love. It only makes sense to her now to give back to these furry little creatures. What better legacy than being a caregiver to these deserving animals.

Stephanie graduated high school in Swarthmore, PA. A sports enthusiast, she engaged in softball, gymnastics, cheerleading, and horseback riding. During quiet times she enjoyed piano, guitar, and dance.

Adult life has focused on raising a family of 2 boys, and enduring the ups and downs of business ownership with her husband. Now that her sons are adults with families of their own, she has been blessed with 2 grandsons and 3 granddaughters. Stephanie has found career satisfaction working in banking, as a behavioral interventionist for children, retail business, and in the culinary arts. One of her most fulfilling jobs was working as a cashier for a family owned store.



In her spare time she enjoys watching films and sharing her lap with a furry friend. With a can-do spirit and a little ingenuity, Steph likes to tackle projects around her home. And of course, as a reward, a serving of her favorite comfort food, ice cream!

Her future plans are to create an opportunity to travel to California and to go to Europe again, especially Germany, France, and Scotland. Few places bring out camera-toting hobbyists like the seashore. Stephanie loves photography, the smell of salt air, and the sound of waves lapping up on the beach.

In the meantime, she will continue to enjoy the year-round beauty of the North Country. Fall is her favorite season with its crisp air, spectacular foliage, and vibrant sunsets. She feels fortunate to be living in the right place during the right time of year. ~Jackie Allison

Cat Tails: Cortana & Cookie

"Thank you so much for our beautiful kittens! They're a

complete joy and they love their new home. We filled 2/5 of our living room with a cardboard "fort", but two hours after arriving Cortana decided the generously sized space was too confining. She was renamed Harriet "Harry" Houdini because she proved to be a determined escape artist! We removed everything from the living room that could be hazardous to



them, so they now have the run of the room (21.5' X 12'). Here's a photo of the two of them sleeping in their makeshift cardboard bed. We used the towels we had in their carrier with their scent on it. **Amy M.**"

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Wish List

- ♥ Postage Stamps
- ♥ Gift Cards
- ♥ Copy Paper
- ♥ Paper Towels
- ♥ Laundry Detergent
- ♥ White Unscented Clay Cat Litter
- ♥ Purina Kitten Chow
- ♥ Purina Cat Chow Complete



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 gift at work, giving the local area's abandoned and abused cats and kittens a "Second Chance"!

MONETARY DONATIONS

SCAR relies entirely on private donations to fund our shelter, rescue and adoption operations, and community programs. Your donation is 100% tax deductible. Please mail your check today, large or small 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.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Help keep our supply closet stocked up year round. See our wish lists at secondchancear.org & smile.amazon.com

GIFTS OF STOCK & ANNUITIES

Stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares 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. These campaigns allow employees to donate through one-time gifts and regular payroll deductions.

VEHICLE DONATION

Donating your unwanted car is simple, easy, and free. We convert your car into cash, which becomes a much-needed donation to SCAR! You are entitled to a tax deduction and you avoid the cost and hassle of repairing or selling a car that you no longer want.

DONATE WHILE SHOPPING

You shop online, SCAR gets money! For free, with no cost to you! Through either iGive.com or smile.amazon.com

ESTATE GIFTS

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

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

There are many ways for your company to increase its visibility in the community and build positive brand presences while helping Second Chance.

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.