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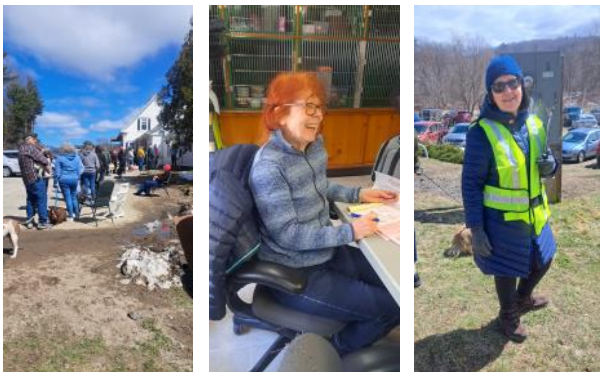
In April, SCAR was invited to attend the Pet Heroes event at the Bethlehem Public Library. But the year's still young! We'll also be present at the Berlin Public Library's Summer Reading Program in July, as well as the Employee Wellness Fair at New England Wire Technologies in Lisbon.

Are you a member at the Littleton Food Coop? SCAR will be on the ballot this year running for a spot as a 2025 Partner of the Month. Be sure to keep an eye on the Coop's announcements and to vote for us when the times comes, so that we can benefit from their Round-Up program next year. We'll also be sure to keep our email subscribers and social media followers in the loop.



...and at the Shelter

Our Spring low cost Vaccination Clinic had a huge turnout! In three hours, 134 cats and dogs were vaccinated with 242 total vaccines administered. People had to park wherever they could find a spot! A big Thank You to the Woodsville Pet Wellness Center team and SCAR volunteers who made the clinic a success. ~Gabby Sweet



Flea Season



Warmer weather means fleas and other pesky bugs! Our region generally sees them April through November. During this peak flea season, adult fleas are more prevalent and reproduce rapidly. Female fleas lay eggs on your pets and they fall off their coat as they wander round your house. The eggs can find their way into every

nook and cranny; favoring warm dark places like your carpets, curtains, floorboards, bedding and sofas. These eggs lie dormant in those spots waiting to hatch.

It's also important to remember that fleas can be active indoors and outdoors, so keeping a close eye on your pets and their environ-

ment during the peak season is crucial. Even if your pets spend most of their time indoors, they can still bring in fleas from their occasional outdoor adventures... and so can you via shoes, clothes and any other accessories!

Fleas can cause tapeworm infestations, anemia (which can be fatal in severe cases or in kittens/puppies), and more. Plus, did you know that some pets can actually be allergic to fleas?

Annabelle came to us very horribly afflicted with flea allergy dermatitis, and was scabby, itchy, and sore. It took flea medication, steroids, and lots of time to get her feeling better. Even one flea is enough to cause a problem! Not every over-the-counter flea and tick preventative is safe for pets, so check with your vet for the best recommended products for your pet. ~Gabby Sweet



Annual Tent Sale Preparations



The grass is turning green, the bears are waking up from their slumber, and with Spring comes preparations for our Giant Annual Tent Sale fundraiser! The sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 10th and 11th, in the field behind Cumberland Farms.

The trailer (thank you Meadow Leasing!) has recently arrived and we can start accepting donations. Gently used household goods can be dropped off on Tuesdays, or by appointment. Summer is our busiest time of year and there's a lot for us to juggle at the shelter, so please bear with us when you call or stop by!

Furniture, pet items, books, movies, kitchen items, decor, linen (no stains or holes) and any other household items are welcome and much appreciated. We cannot accept electronics, appliances, skis, magazines, clothing, shoes, exercise equipment, or items that are broken or otherwise can no longer be used.



The trailer is in back of the shelter, and if someone is not there on a Tuesday, please let us know that you've arrived. We ask that folks please not leave donations at the trailer without letting us know.



Your donations help us to care for kitties like Nancy, who came to the shelter with her brother and sister at 5-6 months old after being born outdoors. Without somewhere for them to go, they would've grown up outdoors and ended up having litter after litter of kittens. They are on their way to happier, healthier lives thanks to your support! ~Gabby Sweet

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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

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Aren't Cats Wonderful?

When a Cat Insists, Who resists?



Cats are mysterious creatures and fascinating for humans to watch as they interact. Everything they do is a form of communication in one way or another. From head-butts to love bites, cats show their affection in many different ways. My cats run to the door to greet me when I return home at the end of the day. They are genuinely happy to see me. They will likely rub against my legs and give me a purr of hope that their meal will soon appear.

Cats are extremely curious and the sight of a closed door could signal a major challenge for them. They soon become artists at subtle entries into forbidden areas. Don't be surprised when you visit a cat lover's house to see a cat paw sticking out from under a closed door and you are on the other side of that door.

Cats can talk. They definitely express their feelings in many different ways. Hisses and growls mean to stay away, while purring means they are content and relaxed. Did you know that cats use meow almost exclusively, except when kittens, to talk with their humans. Feral cats do not meow to one another at all. Cats mark their territory, be it people or things, by rubbing their faces and bodies along the objects of their affection. This leaves a scent that other cats can detect which lets other felines know that "This item (or person) is mine" or "I was here". There are also scent glands in the paws that allow scratching to be both a visual and olfactory cat to cat communication.

Cats bring gifts. They bring home their prey to their offspring to consume and to teach them the art of hunting. Indoor/outdoor cats often present the "catch of the day" to their humans. Indoor cats don't have the opportunity to hunt, however they still mimic this behavior by bringing toys and other items as a sign of caring. Beware! An exposed soft furry tummy does not necessarily mean that touching is welcome. Cats who feel as if they being attacked also expose their bellies. This is a warning to the attacker that they are ready to fight back with their claws and teeth. A word to the wise, it's okay to look, but don't touch! ~Jackie Allison

Sources: Catster, petplace.com and Inside Your Cat's Mind

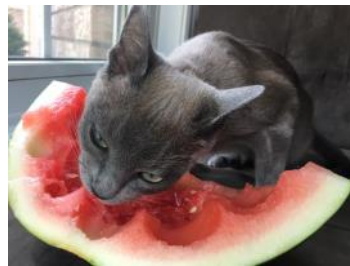
The "Paws" That Refreshes

Many cats, if given the chance, will attempt to drink from an unattended glass of water. The usual procedure is for them to sneakily dip a paw in the glass and then lick the water from their paw. This is fine as long as you don't drink the cat-aminated water afterwards.

A simple and tell-tail solution is to place a coaster atop the glass when you temporarily leave. The coaster either deters the cat from drinking or tells you somebody was thirsty. Alternatively, you could provide the cat with their own glass of water - complete with ice cubes and treats on the side. If your glass happens to be cat-aminated, however, please be safe and get yourself a clean glass of water! Treats for you are optional. ~Carl Schafer



Can Your Cat Safely Eat Fruit?



The short answer is Yes! Don't fret if your cat snatches a few bites of watermelon from the picnic table. Cats are carnivores, meaning they don't need to eat fruit, and their diets should consist primarily of protein, but some may enjoy fruit as an occasional treat. Cats lack the sweet receptors needed to detect the sweetness of sugar, but may enjoy the textures and smells of certain fruit.

Never feed cherries, grapes or raisins to a cat; these fruits are toxic to felines and can cause kidney damage and possibly death. Always serve your cat raw, not cooked fruit as the sugar levels may be too high.

The key to serving your cat fruit is moderation. Apples and watermelons are recommended, but be sure to remove any seeds as they are poisonous. Blueberries with their antioxidants are great, but cutting them in half works best. Strawberries are most cat's favorite fruit, but again cut into small pieces. Pumpkin and cranberries are also safe for your cat, and are common ingredients in pet foods. Bananas are recommended, but good luck getting your cat to eat one. *Source: thewildest.com*

Senior Spotlights

We have a few senior kitties at the shelter that are absolute sweethearts, but have either been returned from adoption or have just sadly not been adopted yet. Senior cats, especially those with medical issues, often take much longer to be adopted than younger cats and kittens. However, senior cats have so much love to give, and they often find themselves here during the hardest or most vulnerable times in their lives. We just know the purrfect homes are out there for them!



Willoughby is 11 years old and unfortunately has a history of urinary issues. He was first surrendered because of improper urination due to a new baby in the home, and was recently returned from adoption after the neighbor's outdoor cat started coming around, which caused him to become unhappy and to start spraying. His front paws were declawed before he came to the shelter. Willoughby is a total sweetheart that will surprise you with his ability to find the most creative sleeping and hiding spots! The best home for him, due to his history, would be a quiet adults-only home as the only pet.

Sophie is 13 years old and has a history of digestive issues, so she needs a special diet. Sophie is a couch potato that enjoys being around people and rolling around to show off her belly. She lived as the only pet in her last home for two years, but lived with another cat in her previous home.

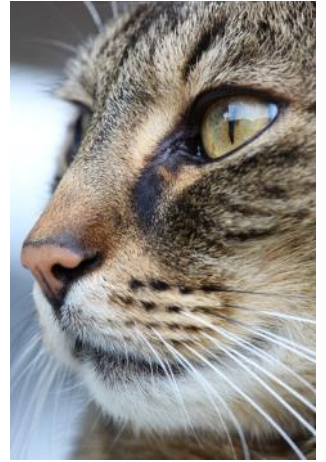


Poor Ernie has now been at the shelter for six months. He was found by one of our volunteers as a stray near her home. He is microchipped, but we unfortunately never received a response from any owner after sending a report to the microchip company. He is estimated to be in his teens based on the microchip records. Ernie is a nice older guy with a playful side. He loves to surprise people by vocally demanding treats and chasing catnip toys around the room. After his bout of energy is exerted, he becomes the ultimate couch potato. He doesn't love being around other cats. We're hoping there's someone out there willing to open up their quiet home for an older cat to just be himself. ~Gabby Sweet



Five More Funny Feline Facts

1. Each cat's nose print is unique, just like the human fingerprint. The cat nose has a pattern of bumps and ridges, no two of which are alike.
2. Cats sleep on average 15 hours a day. That equates to roughly 70% of their lives. Sounds a lot like the human senior citizen doesn't it? Unlike humans however, cats sleep multiple times each day.
3. Merlin, a black and white cat in Torquay, UK has the loudest measured purr at 67.8 decibels (equal to loud conversation or laughter). Most cats purr at about 25 decibels (below a whisper). How does Merlin sleep the required 15 hours a day with so much noise?
4. Cats have three eyelids. They have an unseen nictitating membrane that is often called a "haw." This whitish pink membrane is retractable and found underneath the other eyelids in the inner corner of each eye. When a cat blinks, the haw swipes horizontally, removing any dust or debris. While cats have an extra eyelid, they don't have eyelashes.
5. What was the name of Cully Barnaby's cat in the very popular and long-running British detective series "Midsomer Murders"? Answer: Next Issue. No, the cat was not named "Next Issue". Stay tuned! ~Carl Schafer



Sources: Merck Veterinary Manual, Catster and Sleepfoundation

Maisie's Journey

The following is an email we received from an adopter, Julie Abraham.

I would like to share my story in the hopes it helps someone else that adopts a kitty that is very skittish and scared. I adopted Maisie (formerly Meeko) during Covid- April 2020. I was advised that if I was looking for a "lap cat" maybe she wasn't a good choice, but I loved her orange and white little face.

She was terrified and hid under bedcovers for weeks, I couldn't even pet her for weeks. I would sit in her "safe room" for hours and read out loud to her so she could learn to know my voice. I would also sit with her while she ate so she became accustomed to my presence.

We had a breakthrough at 4 months when she actually rubbed up against my legs and let me pet her without running away. I knew I had to let her come to me on her terms. She slowly progressed from sitting upstairs at night when we were watching TV, to sitting on the stairs, to downstairs under the dining table, to the living room on a chair, to finally my lap!

I call her every night and she comes running to sit with me until I go to bed. She gives me head butts and sleeps on me at night. Patience and love always win out and the love she now shares makes my heart full. Thank you for keeping Maisie safe until we found each other!



Then: Meeko at the shelter



Now: Maisie at home

Cat Tails: Leah & Quill

"Just sending an update on Leah and Quill. They're doing great and Quill has definitely come out of his shell. They're great cats and we love them SO much! Morgan M."



Cat Tails: Peaches

"Peaches was certainly shy and timid at first but has really blossomed into a sweet, feisty little lady who we all love. She slowly came to seek some human love and now greets me with squeaky meows and head bumps. She even accepts kisses on her head! We are so happy she's found a home with us and we are grateful for the SCAR team and the work that you do. Sabrina C."





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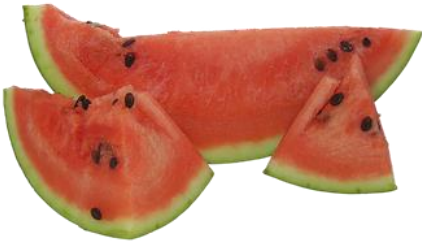
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- ♥ Black Oil Sunflower Seed



Whiskers To Wings!

Applebee's Dining to Donate Fundraiser
Thursday, July 11 at 4:00-9:00pm
582 Meadow Street, Littleton NH



15% of your bill (minus tax and tip) goes to Second Chance!
Just present the flyer to your server, which you can find on our website to download and print.

Cat Tails: Gracie



"Gracie hid for the first two days only coming out to use the litter box and eat. Day three as I was laying on the bed, up she popped and started rubbing and purring up a storm. She is eating up a storm and watching birds up close on the porch. She loves playing with the laser pointer and assorted mice and toys. All in all just the sweetest little thing. Thank you for bringing us together! Sarah D."

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You Can Help

DONATE

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. Stop by the shelter and see your gifts at work—giving the local area's abandoned and abused cats and kittens a "Second Chance"!

MONETARY DONATIONS

SCAR relies 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, donate securely online at www.secondchancear.org/donate, or scan the QR code with your cell phone camera and click the banner.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—LEND A HAND!

Your shelter needs you! As our area becomes more populated and more people are wanting pets, we are busier than ever. There's the many clinics, phone calls and emails, more cats coming into the shelter and being adopted (can you say paperwork?!); along with trying to maintain, clean, and improve the building (while it has served us well, it is old!). Volunteering with the kitties is fulfilling and fun! How can you help?

Handyman/carpenter volunteers needed for occasional shelter repairs.



Volunteers needed for quarterly newsletter mailings.



Volunteers needed to plow and shovel at the shelter this winter.

