



### So Many To Thank!



Thank you for another hugely successful Tent Sale Fundraiser!! We are very grateful to everyone who donated items, the lucky hundreds who “found gold” under the tent on sale days, those that spread the word or allowed us to hang posters in their business, and to the many volunteers that helped collect/sort/organize donations throughout the Summer and/or volunteered at the sale itself (setting up, breaking down, and everything in-between).

A huge thank you to Ed Carbonneau for the use of the field, Meadow Leasing for the use of their trailer, Abbott Rental for the huge tent, Franconia Market for a volunteer lunch, to Matt

Gordon for mowing and lugging, and to Frank Dodge for all you do! We couldn't have done it without any of you!

Accepting donations starting in spring for the next sale on the 2nd weekend of August 2025.



It was great to see students from the Lisbon Regional High School's CHAT Club (Children Helping Animals Together) this spring at the shelter. They took a tour, learned some cat trivia, helped with chores, and of course, spent time with the cats. They also surprised us with a \$1000 donation that they earned through various fundraisers! We can't thank them enough. Everyone, no matter their age, can make a difference!

Thank you to Applebee's for their donation! A portion of their receipts of July 11th came to Second Chance through their Dining to Donate event, and the food was yummy! Thank you to everyone who participated.



[www.littlevillagetoy.com](http://www.littlevillagetoy.com) Susan Kling Mila Rizzo

Thank you to The Little Village Toy and Book shop in Littleton for donating their in-store penny jar proceeds to Second Chance for the month of July.

Thank you to the Orford Free Library who collected food and other donations for Second Chance. It was so nice of Susan Kling to drop them off at the shelter.

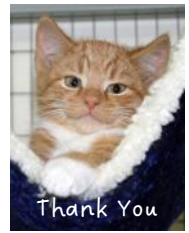
We are honored to have received the funds from the closing of the

Lancaster NH Humane Society. Mila Rizzo, its founder, was a life-long animal advocate and we are proud to continue her mission.



Athena Souza and her daughter Anastasia dropped off donations that Anastasia had collected in lieu of gifts for her 8th birthday this Summer. When they brought the gifts, they of course visited with the cats and kittens so that they could test the toys out right away. We're constantly in awe of the generosity of our community, and especially of our youth! A big thank you to Athena, Anastasia, and everyone who donated!

A very special thank you to the Donald Morrow Estate for an extremely generous bequest that will help with our future building plans. “Kat” and Ellen Morrow were animal lovers and will be missed.



Lastly, we can't say it often enough — we are constantly amazed and grateful for the number of supporters who take the time to either mail in, stop by with, or find us online to make a donation. We couldn't do what we do for the local cats and kittens without you!

### A Spay and Neuter Mission

SCAR has been offering low-cost spay & neuter clinics for pet owners who cannot afford a Veterinarian since shortly after we opened in 2010. The clinics, with Dr. Sara White of Spay ASAP, were once a month until we had to cancel them due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When we started them up again we had the idea to double our efforts and hold two clinics a month to try to "catch back up."



It's a few years later and we are still holding two clinics a month! These clinics are a ton of work for both our staff and volunteers, but we are thrilled to be able to keep offering these much needed services to the community. Stopping pet overpopulation in our community is an important part of our mission. So far in 2024, we have spayed or neutered 65 dogs, 9 rabbits, and 537 cats!

We would like to remind everyone to contact us as soon as a new pet joins your family. We often have a waiting list of several months, especially for dogs and female cats. People call for appointments because their male kittens are beginning to spray, their female kittens have begun going into heat, or they have a brother/sister pair of puppies or kittens who are now maturing (and they are afraid of accidental litters). By contacting us as soon as you can, you increase the likelihood that we can get them spayed or neutered before they begin having behavioral issues or you end up with an unwanted litter. As for the myth that you have to wait until all pets are six+ months old—they can be safely spayed or neutered as young as eight weeks of age. Spaying your female dogs and cats also reduces the chances of mammary cancer, and eliminates the risk of pyometra!

~ Gabby Sweet

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### SHELTER HOURS

By Appointment Only

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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?

### Is It Comfort or Love?

Cats show love in many ways and as most cat lovers know, no two cats behave in the same way. Their body language, behavior, and vocalization often tell us a lot about their level of trust and affection. Acknowledging and understanding these overt and often subtle behaviors can help you build a strong, loving bond with your cat. A cat's love is not always easy to gain, but once that trust is established, it is a wonderful relationship.



**Eye Contact.** This is a significant factor in how cats show love. Cats only make eye contact with people they like. They are even known to make "eye kisses!" This is when a cat stares at you with half closed eyelids and then slowly blinks, repeatedly. It's a gesture that can be reciprocated. So if you notice your cat giving you a "kiss", why not give them one in return?

**Body Language.** More specifically, tail language, is very important when considering how cats show love. You can tell a lot from the way in which a cat

is holding their tail. A very happy cat tail position is upright, with a slight curve at the top, which means that they are glad to see you! Similarly, if a cat feels comfortable enough to offer up their belly for a rub, this is the ultimate sign of feline trust and affection. Cats only lie on their backs and show their bellies when they are in their most relaxed state.

**Bunting.** Your cat may bump their head against you or rub their cheeks against you to show affection. This is a social behavior that is formed in kitten-hood through contact with their mother and other kittens. It helps cats bond together and is offered to their humans to show love. It is an attempt to mark you with their scent to claim you as one of their own. It is a very strong form of affection.



**Vocalization.** While cats can't speak, they can use what vocalization is available to them to help communicate their affection. Purring is often a sign of pleasure and contentment which is expressed during close contact such as stroking, grooming, or just sitting in your lap. They are letting you know through their vocalization capability, how much they are enjoying this bonding time. While there might be an element of "please don't stop!" in that purring, they're also saying "I love you."

**Sleeping Near You.** A cat who chooses to sleep on or close to you is showing their love and trust in you. Even if they choose to lie just out of reach for petting, this means that they feel safe and trust that you will protect them, or they will protect you if danger appears.

**Kneading.** This is a behavior that begins in kitten-hood and is associated with nursing. Relaxed cats that knead are showing contentment. They will often knead when you pet them. Sometimes cats knead to create a softer sleeping spot, which is considered an innate behavior.

**Greeting or Following You.** Cats that rush to the front door when it's opened, with a lot of meowing are trying to say that they're happy to see you. Cats will often follow those that they love and trust around the home, keeping you in sight. They may also weave around your legs.

**Bringing You Presents.** Cats are natural born hunters. One that is allowed outdoors will kill small animals and birds, bringing the remains back to their humans as a gift. It is a sign of affection as your cat wants to reward you for your love. Indoor cats will often do this with toys or other small objects since they do not have the opportunity to go on safari.

Are these feline expressions a sign of comfort, or love, or both? The answer is both because a comfortable cat is a loving cat. And that cat will love you even more if given treats! ~Carl Schafer

Sources: Purina and petMD

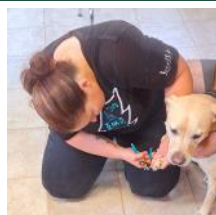


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## Walk-In Pet Nail Trim Clinic

Sunday, September 22nd  
10am-Noon at SCAR Shelter  
\$10 cash only per pet



## Senior Spotlight



Shylah is about 14 years old and was surrendered, along with another cat, when their owner unfortunately became homeless. Shylah is a funny girl with a very "large and in charge" attitude! She was grumpy with us at first, but has really warmed up once she realized that she was safe. She enjoys being petted, strutting around the room checking out anything that might be different or new, and munching all the treats.

She might be an older gal, but she still has a lot of spunk left in her! She has never lived with a dog before, and might not appreciate kids, so an adults-only home would be best. She lived with another cat before, so it's possible she could learn to share her space with another cat, but it could take some time. We can give tips on introducing a new cat to a resident cat. ~Gabby Sweet

**Update – Shylah has been adopted!**

## Why Cats Like High Places

From cat trees to refrigerator and cabinet tops, it's obvious that cats enjoy being above the rest of us. They seem to have no fear of heights and their natural agility enables them to rise (and descend) to the occasion. Why do they engage in this type of behavior?

**To Better Regulate Body Heat.** Maybe from their Thermodynamics textbook cats have learned that heat rises. High places will be warmer and more desirable during cooler months. A location in a sunny spot is especially attractive for those cat naps or relaxation in any form.

**To Manage Stress and Anxiety.** A high place to curl up can give a cat a sense of privacy and calm in a busy household. It may also be the cat's place of refuge from external factors such as storms or fireworks. More timid or territorial cats will thus have a place that just belongs to them and contains their own scent.

**To Enjoy Themselves.** Cats are curious animals. Vertical in addition to horizontal space enlarges their territory significantly. It gives them more to investigate and explore. They have a better view of the environment as they watch what is going on in their kingdom.

**To Get Better Rest.** Behavioral experts think that most cats prefer to sleep and rest in places with good vantage points. Besides the top of cabinets or refrigerators, the best high place is often a commercially available cat tower. These towers of different heights have many components such as padded or covered perches, cubby holes, attached toys, and scratching posts. These provide opportunities for comfortable rest, elevated observation, furniture-free scratching, play and exercise. ~Carl Schafer

Sources: *Animal Wellness Magazine and Pets Radar*



## Five More Funny Feline Facts

1. In "Midsomer Murders", Chief Inspector Barnaby's daughter (Cully) named her Russian Blue kitten "Killmouskie."
2. The human body has 206 bones. An average cat has 244. The actual number is between 230 -250 bones depending on how long the cat's tail is and how many toes the cat has.
3. A house cat is genetically 95.6% tiger. So feed me, or else!
4. A female cat is often referred to as a "queen", or a "Molly" if spayed. Male cats are referred to as a "tom", or a "gib" if neutered.
5. There is an island in Japan known for its large cat population. The small island of Aoshima had a fishing based economy, and cats were brought in to help control the mice infestation. The economy and human population declined, but the feline population grew. Today there are 36 cats for every human on the mile-long island. ~Carl Schafer



Sources: *Viagen Pets, MSPCA, TheVets, Avocado Post*

## Molly's Memoirs

Molly's Memoirs will be a new place to share a memorial tribute for your beloved cat adopted from SCAR that has passed away. Molly is our much-loved current office mascot.

Our first tribute is about Kipper, who was adopted from SCAR in 2016. He recently passed away.

*Kipper was my best friend, he always liked to wait for me to come home from work. He would meow a greeting, then follow me into the living room.* Kipper



Kipper



Molly

*liked to climb onto the recliner or another chair and watch television. He would always be there if I needed someone to talk with. He was always a good listener. Every morning he would meow a greeting and lead me to the kitchen to get his breakfast.*

*He would also like to sit in the window and meow greetings to the outdoor cats in the neighborhood. He would love to sleep in his basket or in bed with me every evening. I hope Kipper has found a nice cloud to rest on across the rainbow bridge. Thank you Gabby and Second Chance Animal Rescue for taking care of Kipper till Becky and I adopted him. Becky & Mike A.*

Email us at [secondchancear.org@gmail.com](mailto:secondchancear.org@gmail.com) to submit a tribute and photo for a chance to be included in one of our quarterly newsletters.

## Cat Tails: Francesca



"Hi! Conga has settled in beautifully, and she and our other cat Smudge have even started playing together. My daughter renamed her Francesca, and her brothers affectionately call her Frank. We all love having her as part of the family. Thank you for making that happen! Melinda M."



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## Wish List

- ♥ Postage Stamps
- ♥ Copy Paper 8½x11" White
- ♥ Gift Cards
- ♥ Dishwasher Detergent
- ♥ 13-gal. Trash Bags
- ♥ Laundry Detergent & Bleach
- ♥ Bleach
- ♥ Paper Towels
- ♥ White Unscented Clay Cat Litter
- ♥ Purina Kitten or Cat Chow Complete
- ♥ Black Oil Sunflower Seed



## Vote for SCAR!



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 vote for us between September 14 and September 28, so we can benefit from their Round-Up program next year. Stop by our table at the Coop on September 14 for a meet and greet at their Partner Fair.

## Cat Tails: H & Lizzy

"Happy paws here! H and Lizzy have really become the best outdoor "barn" cats for us. For both of them to have been so scared of people, they are so sweet and loving. H, the male kitty, was the one who would hiss if you came near. Today he greets you as you step outside and waits for you to pet him before he goes back to what he was doing...if he's not out hunting which is by far his favorite thing to do. Lizzy, the female, is very friendly and LOVES watching our dogs play but is still shy when you go to pet her. Becky L."



## 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](http://www.secondchancear.org/donate), or scan the QR code with your cell phone camera and click the banner.



There are many other ways you can donate. Call us at 603-259-3244 to discuss.

### TRIBUTE GIFTS

### WISH LIST DONATIONS

### STOCK & ANNUITIES GIFTS

### WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS

### VEHICLE DONATIONS

### INCLUDE SCAR IN YOUR WILL

### 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.*



*Do you have a few hours a week to help socialize cats and clean cages?*

