

# HALO PAW PRINTS



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**HALO - Helping Animals Live Organization**

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Shawn "Big Sexy" Smith, from the TV competition show "The Voice," was one of the guests & singers at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual HALO Hoedown, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Shawn is joined here by Hoedown organizers Dave Silvers from Bug Country & his wife (and HALO Board member) Sandy.



Casper has been at HALO House for most of his adult life and he's probably about 8 years old now. He is a beautiful, handsome boy and very friendly. Wouldn't you like to give him a new life? Sponsored by Janice O'Meara.



HALO's Karen Monahan (right) gets some help from a Herkimer KMart worker in displaying our framed cat montage.



Special thanks to Hannaford in Herkimer for being a collection point for cat food & other items for HALO.

### A Message from the HALO Board of Directors

Our work involves a lifetime commitment to many animals that would be considered unadoptable. They have a safe haven here, and we try to provide the best in veterinary and nutritional care and a pleasant living environment. But their needs are great...and they continue to grow. We need your help as a volunteer and donor to improve their lives. If you've ever considered volunteering at the shelter, please consider doing so now. We have many cats and kittens that need and deserve love and attention. Can you spare an hour or two each week to help? Options abound! In addition to caring for the animals, other opportunities are: Fostering, Newsletter, Grant Writer, Fundraising events, crafters that can create pet beds and cat toys for the animals or to sell, drivers for transport to the vet, dropping off flyers, and so much more! Be creative - If you have a special interest or talent, why not share it with us? If you can help in any way, please call Faye at 315-823-0239. Thank you!



HALO's Kate Pendergrass with Kate the cat and her new mom at one of our adoption clinics!

## Who We Are

Incorporated in 2003, H.A.L.O., Inc. is a non-profit, 501c (3) tax-exempt corporation as defined by the IRS code. Dedicated to responsible and loving stewardship for every stray, lost and abandoned animal that comes into our care, we are a No-Kill, Cage-Free animal rescue/welfare group. In addition to rescuing animals in need, we offer placement & re-homing assistance for both dogs and cats and support caregivers tending feral cat colonies. We receive no local, county, state, or federal assistance and rely solely on contributions and grants to survive.

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The wonderful staff at Hair Expressions in Utica displayed our cat picture montage in their salon.

## Lasting Legacy

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." –Anonymous

You can also make a lasting gift to future animals in need by naming H.A.L.O. Inc. as a beneficiary in your will or on your life insurance policy. Your legacy can be a gift of LIFE to animals. Your love for animals can be part of your plans for the future. Bequests are the simplest form of planned giving and can be easily arranged with your attorney. For more information on leaving a lasting legacy to needy animals, please contact your attorney.



Congratulations to our Melissa Strait, who has taken many photographs of HALO cats for our website & Facebook, for winning Honorable Mention at the NY State Fair!

## Special Mention for a Dear Friend

HALO lost a good and dear friend when Nedda Thomes passed away on February 12, 2014. Nedda's ability to help people through fundraising was her goal in life. She served on the Board of Directors with H.A.L.O., was active in the Children's Miracle Network through Wal-Mart and helped the E.W. Corey Hose Company - Middleville Fire Department with their fundraising while living in Middleville. Nedda will always be remembered as a staunch ally of all abused and abandoned animals. She was instrumental in organizing one of HALO's largest fundraisers each year - the Chinese Auction. The 2014 HALO Chinese Auction was dedicated in Nedda's memory and a plaque presented to her family. On behalf of everyone at HALO - we, the Officers and Members of the Board, extend our heartfelt sympathy to all of Nedda's friends and family. We miss her and will always remember her with great affection.

Our hearts also go out to HALO founding member Andrea Heckel and HALO president William Heckel on the passing of their husband and dad, Charlie.

## Special Thanks.....

## Fundraisers and Events!

**6TH ANNUAL HALO HOEDOWN** – It was BEAUTIFUL! Sponsored by Empower Federal Credit Union, the 6th HALO Hoedown was Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Silverado Inn in Herkimer. Held outside for the first time, it was a great afternoon of country music from Nashville headliner Sean Patrick McGraw, American Idol star Ethan Harris, Grit 'n' Grace, TJ Sacco, American Honey Band, and Fulton Chain Gang. We have a special appearance by Shawn "Big Sexy" Smith of TV's "The Voice," free Spaven's bounce house, food provided by Catering by Joe, raffles, merchandise, a large chinese auction and door prizes! Many people brought cat food or litter donations. Thanks to our generous community, we raised over \$5,300!!

**Christmas Pet Photos** – Saturday, November 22, 11am-3pm, at the Canajoharie Moose Club. Choose from different backgrounds, please bring a food donation for the location food pantry. We'll also have a Chinese Auction & Bug Country broadcasts live.

**Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale** - Our very popular fundraiser is here, just in time for Christmas! Anyone interested in obtaining a brochure to order, or sell to family and friends, please call Faye at 315-823-0239.

**"Save Around Utica-Rome & the Mohawk Valley" Coupon Books** – They're always available! Please contact a HALO volunteer if you're interested in saving lots of money locally and elsewhere!

**eBay** – If you have something of value that you'd like to donate, Dave Silvers is your man! Dave sells merchandise on eBay for HALO. 100% of the proceeds will go to HALO! Dave has sold many items for us including CD's, jewelry, and autographed photos. Please contact Dave at davenymets@yahoo.com.

**HALO Merchandise** - Available all the time! We have HALO t-shirts (long and short sleeve), sweatshirts, zip front hoodies, tote bags, catnip kickers and mats made by Shelley and Mary Fazekas, and much more! Mary also volunteers at HALO House every Monday morning and sells our kickers at her booth in the Newport Market Place!

Be a *good searcher!* Don't Google -- Use **Goodsearch** instead. Each time you search at [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) we will receive one penny if you select **Helping Animals Live Organization - HALO**.

**AmazonSmile** – Another great way for you to shop and save—and HALO gets the benefits. Login to your Amazon account and shop through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and a portion will be donated to HALO!

**Tree of Love** – We'll be setting up our annual Tree of Love for the Holiday season. It's a beautiful way to remember or honor your pets. We'll be sending out information soon.

Special thanks to Enea Family Funeral Home for sponsoring our website, [www.haloescue.net](http://www.haloescue.net)



Little Falls Hospital's Support Services took up a collection of kitty litter, canned food, scoopers, scratching posts, large size litter pans, treats and cat nips to donate to HALO. From left are Kim Hotaling, Summer Iannotta, Faye Bunk, Debbie Simmons, and Ken Stevens. Thank you to everyone at Little Falls Hospital's Support Service for thinking of HALO!

Thank you to Dennis and Wendy Crouch of Burlington Flats, who donated a beautiful cat tree to the HALO kitties!

Special thanks to the Herkimer Polish Home in Herkimer for their continued support! Not only have they made numerous donations, but they donate their hall to us each year for our Spring and Fall Trash and Treasure sales! Thank you to Mary Ellen, who goes out of her way to help us!

We love Cary! Hopson and would love to take this opportunity to thank her for her press releases, posters, photos, and for volunteering at adoption clinics. Cary! is truly someone we could not do without and her work is very much appreciated!

Big thanks to Kathy Lamb and Lexington Center Oppenheim Day Hab! Kathy is a HALO volunteer and she - along with her coworkers - donated canned food, paper towels, dish detergent, and cleaning supplies to HALO!

To Barb Finnigan of Animal Lovers in the Albany area who has been instrumental in finding many homes for our HALO kitties. Barb recently took 8 kittens that we rescued from a trailer park. It's a wonderful thing when rescues work hand-in-hand to help the animals!

To Tim Lowrie, manager of Pet Supplies Plus in New Hartford, who has helped us to hold several successful adoption clinics and he recently donated several cases of assorted pet supplies to HALO.

Thank you to the Herkimer American Legion Auxiliary, Post 38, for their wonderful donation of \$100!

Thanks as always to John and Melody Pollitt for their numerous gift baskets for use in our Chinese Auction, Canal Days and other events. Melody recently donated a beautiful 14k gold tennis necklace with 6 karats of diamonds! This necklace was appraised at over \$9,000 and we were able to sell online and make some much needed funds for HALO! Everyone at HALO would also like to extend our deepest sympathy to Melody on her husband John's passing. He will be greatly missed.

HUGE thanks to some of our foster moms - Lynn Bucenec, and Laurie Bowman! Lynn is fostering 2 moms with 6 kittens that were rescued from a dumpster. Laurie is fostering 11 cats and kittens for us! Thanks also to Laura Schoen and Kate Pendergrass. for fostering. What lifesavers they all are as we are EXTREMELY full!

Thank you to Helen Fliss, Liz Zyeka, and Polish National Alliance of the U.S. in Utica for their very generous donation of \$500! Liz spoke to Helen, her neighbor, and told her about HALO after Helen asked for the name of an organization that needed donations. Liz had heard of HALO awhile earlier and made a donation herself! Thank you so much to everyone involved in this true exercise in caring and teamwork!

Much love and thanks to Bug Country 99.7FM and 101.1FM, which has been there with us every step of the way! Bug Country sponsors our HALO Hoedown each year, along with numerous other events. Matt in the Morning just became our newest volunteer and helps weekends at the HALO House!

Paws up and a huge thank you to Anthony Gabriel, who celebrated his 84th birthday on March 24th by requesting donations in lieu of birthday gifts. HALO received litter, food, toys, and a very generous monetary donation of \$150 from Anthony.

Thank you, thank you to Kristine Wezalis (\$100) and Gina Werczynski (\$250) for donating to HALO cat Kate's surgery.

Many many thanks to our many volunteers at HALO House and at our various events - Ron Parcell, Anne Wicks, Bob Meyers, Laurie Bowman, Candy Dean, Joyce Humphrey, Joyce LaVenture, Mary Fazekas, Kate Pendergrass, and Karen Monahan! We couldn't do what we do without you!

Rob and Sue Phillips of the Silverado in Herkimer for their continued support of HALO and our events! It is because of great people like Rob and Sue that we can continue to do what we do!

Gary & Bev Zilkowski get a very special thank you. They have continuously donated new golf bags, golf clubs & other golf items, beautiful jewelry and more. Incredible & continued support from 2 wonderful people.

## A Special Thank You to Our Fosters

To bring an animal in trouble into your home...To nurse it through whatever crisis eventually landed the poor creature at HALO's door...To love and care for it, to take its troubles on your shoulders and into your heart...And then give it up...Well, that's a lot to ask of one individual or family. But ask, we must, because if it weren't for foster caregivers, we wouldn't be able to help nearly the number of animals we do. For all of their dedication, hard work, and tears, HALO extends its deepest gratitude to our foster caregivers. If you are interested in fostering for HALO, please contact Faye at 315-823-0239.

**TOGETHER, LET'S SAVE THEM ALL!**

### Other Ways to Help

You can ALWAYS drop off bottles and cans at RD's Mountain View Redemption, 1600 Route 5S in Little Falls and they will keep track of your donations for us. Just be sure to tell them it's for HALO!

Please Save Purina Weight Circles for us! They can be found on bags of Purina Cat Food used towards rebates to help us reduce our food bill.



**Happily Ever After...**Tim Finn recently contacted us with the following: "Four years ago I adopted Linus (then called "Dido" and one year old) through AnimaLovers, but he initially came from your organization. Although he has a small bald patch on his neck, and a permanent upper respiratory infection (that's kept down with a daily supplement), he is thriving. Linus often wants to play, chasing his mouse toy when it's thrown into the (empty) bathtub, and daily exhorting his adopted brother, 9 year old Grey (the grey one), to wrestle. Linus is very sweet, jumping into my lap when I'm at my computer, and nuzzling and purring underfoot when I put on my shoes before leaving the house. He is loved and well cared for. Thanks for all your good work."

**We couldn't be happier for Tim, Grey, and Linus, and we thank Tim so much for his extremely generous gift.**

Once we do a follow up we usually do not hear from adopters again. Or, we hear from people about their adoptees (which is GREAT!). And sometimes we hear many years later from someone who adopted. If you adopted a pet from us, we would love to know how you and your friend are doing. If you would like us to add your pet to our newsletter as a success story, just let us know. And please, if you are looking to adopt - CALL US! Please call 315-823-0239 and tell them you're looking for your new best friend!

Special thanks for displaying our framed cat picture montage to: Pohlig's, Little Falls; Herkimer KMart; Herkimer Tractor Supply Store; Berkshire Bank, Little Falls; Frank J. Basloe Library, Herkimer; Hair Expressions, Utica; Little Falls Public Library; Vinny's Pizzeria, Herkimer

### More Thanks!

Many thanks to Aubuchon Hardware for supporting us in so many ways. They held adoption clinics, housed some of our cats & kittens (due to the exposure we were able to find most of them good homes!), sold raffle tickets, and donated many items. All of the staff at Aubuchon were WONDERFUL-special thanks to Joanie Gregory (manager) and Chris (ass't manager). Aubuchon in Herkimer recently closed, which hit us very hard for many reasons. We could always depend on Joanie and Mike for giving a home to one of our kittens once in awhile. You will be missed!

Special thanks to Melissa Strait, who has taken beautiful professional pictures of our HALO cats to post on our website ([www.haloescue.net](http://www.haloescue.net)) and our Facebook page. Melissa has also assembled a beautiful poster board with a collage of their pictures. This board has traveled to many area businesses and has been displayed in hopes that some of our HALO kitties will find their forever homes! Melissa is certainly a valued member of this organization!

Thank you to volunteer Becky Davis Alford for redesigning the HALO website! And William Heckel for collaborating with Becky. They will be working together to keep this page up to date with easy to find 'happenings' and current pictures of our HALO house residents looking for laps! Please check out our new look at [www.haloescue.net](http://www.haloescue.net)

Thank you to Nicole Jarvis of Basic Books for sending us a complimentary copy of the book CAT SENSE: How the New Feline Science Can Make You a Better Friend to Your Pet. This book is an interesting and fascinating read for any cat lover!

To Paca Gardens and Fall Hill Bead and Gem in Little Falls, who picked HALO as the recipient charity for SoupFest donations received during the most recent Christmas on Main Street event.

Thanks to Dan Pawluk at Little Falls Golf Course for displaying our golf clubs (for raffles) and selling raffle tickets.

A huge thanks to Shevaun Abbott who stepped in right before our Chinese Auction in March and helped us to get MANY wonderful items. Shevaun was a huge help and we are very grateful to have her!

A couple of very important volunteers to thank - Rosemary & John Dibble. Rosemary cleans HALO house every Thursday and takes care of the cats and John does a lot of handyman stuff.

### HALO Receives Grants!

HALO does not receive any outside funding. Therefore, we rely solely on fundraisers, donations, and grants. HALO has been fortunate enough to receive several grants in the past months:

In January of 2014, HALO was graciously awarded an unrestricted gift of \$5,000 by the C.J. Heilig Foundation.

HALO received a generous grant in the amount of \$1,500 for general operating support from the Ralph and Wilma Maibaum Charitable Trust.

A \$3,000 award was granted to HALO in March of this year to help us care for 38 cats that we recently rescued for a hoarding situation. NAVS - The National Anti-Vivisection Society - was instrumental in helping us to afford the veterinary care for these twelve deserving cats!

HALO was fortunate to receive a \$1,000 grant from Berkshire Bank Foundation in March of 2014 to support our rescue efforts. This was an especially meaningful grant as HALO was chosen by local Berkshire Bank employees. Thank you!

The Samuel S. Dale Memorial Fund recently granted us \$1,250 from the Dale Memorial Trust. This amount represents a grant to give five residents over the age of 65 the \$250.00 deposit needed to have an adopted cat live with them in the Little Falls Housing Authority apartments.

\$350 was awarded to HALO in October of 2013 by The Community Foundation. This grant was for a sink repair/labor and was awarded by the Staffworks Charitable Fund. Thank you as always for your continued support!

In June of 2014, HALO was awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,000 from Foundation M for general operating support.

In October of 2013 HALO was awarded one of the largest, most meaningful grants to date. A check was received from The Community Foundation representing a grant from the Staffworks Charitable Fund. This check, in the amount of \$6,743.99, paid off the HALO House mortgage IN FULL! You can imagine how many tears were shed on THAT day! Everyone at HALO cannot express our gratitude enough for this extremely generous gift!

# When You Give, They Live.

Your contribution makes a great difference in the lives of the 100 or so cats being fed, housed and cared for at HALO. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to our no-kill, no-cage cat shelter.

This donation is in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

This donation is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_

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**Please mail your donation with this completed form to:**

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**Thank you very much!**

**Thanks to the following businesses for their continued support. Please show your support by patronizing these generous area businesses:**

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| <b>A&amp;P Master Images</b>         | <b>Endless Summer</b>                   | <b>Kathy's Hair Design</b>                | <b>Pohlig's</b>                          |
| <b>Adirondack Bank, Little Falls</b> | <b>Exeter Veterinary Clinic</b>         | <b>Kelly's Meat Market</b>                | <b>Polish Community Home, Herkimer</b>   |
| <b>Ann St. Market &amp; Deli</b>     | <b>Fall Hill Bead &amp; Gem</b>         | <b>Kinney Drugs, Little Falls</b>         | <b>Rock City Iron, Little Falls</b>      |
| <b>Aubuchon Hardware</b>             | <b>Fat Cats, Herkimer</b>               | <b>Knight's Inn, Little Falls</b>         | <b>RD's Redemption Center</b>            |
| <b>Bagel Grove, Utica</b>            | <b>Fort Plain Animal Hospital</b>       | <b>Little Falls Carpet</b>                | <b>Salvatore's Pizza</b>                 |
| <b>Beardslee Castle</b>              | <b>George Lumber</b>                    | <b>Little Falls Construction</b>          | <b>Safe Harbor Confections, Maine</b>    |
| <b>Berkshire Bank, Little Falls</b>  | <b>George M. Bunk, P.E., P.C.</b>       | <b>Little Falls Municipal</b>             | <b>Shear Magic, Little Falls</b>         |
| <b>Bella Vista Restaurant</b>        | <b>H&amp;H Accounting &amp; Tax</b>     | <b>Little Falls Municipal Golf Course</b> | <b>Silverado Inn</b>                     |
| <b>Burstone Animal Hospital</b>      | <b>Hair Expressions, Utica</b>          | <b>Mustard Seed</b>                       | <b>Spring Farm Cares</b>                 |
| <b>Catering by Joe</b>               | <b>Hannaford Supermarkets</b>           | <b>Ole VI</b>                             | <b>The Telegram</b>                      |
| <b>Collis Hardware</b>               | <b>Healing Touch</b>                    | <b>Ole Sal's</b>                          | <b>The Times</b>                         |
| <b>Cranky Cats Collection</b>        | <b>Heart s Desire</b>                   | <b>Observer-Dispatch</b>                  | <b>The Velvet Dog, Herkimer</b>          |
| <b>Crystal Chandelier</b>            | <b>Heart &amp; Hand Therap. Massage</b> | <b>Original Valley Pennysaver</b>         | <b>The Willows, Utica</b>                |
| <b>CVS Pharmacy, Little Falls</b>    | <b>Herb Phillipsons, Rome</b>           | <b>Paca Gardens</b>                       | <b>Tractor Supply, Herkimer</b>          |
| <b>Doggie Styles Grooming Salon</b>  | <b>Hummel's Office Plus</b>             | <b>Paris Hill Cat Clinic</b>              | <b>Trista Lynn's Photography</b>         |
| <b>Dolly Lee Fikes</b>               | <b>Homestyle Specialty Foods</b>        | <b>Pet Supplies Plus</b>                  | <b>Vintage Spirits</b>                   |
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| <b>Ed's Pizza</b>                    | <b>Impression Now</b>                   |   |  |
|                                      | <b>Inn By The Mill</b>                  |   |  |

We need volunteers! Our work involves a lifetime commitment to many animals that would be considered unadoptable. They have a safe haven here and we try to provide the best in total care in a pleasant living environment. We need your help as a volunteer or donor to improve their lives. If you've never considered volunteering at the shelter, please consider it now. We have many cats and kittens that need love and attention. In addition to caring for the animals, opportunities include: fostering, newsletter & grant writing, events, crafters, transport animals to the vet (with gas reimbursement!), dropping off fliers, etc. If you have a special talent—if you can help in ANY way, please call Faye at 315-823-0239.

**TOP 10 REASONS TO ADOPT A SHELTER PET**

10. Each hour, every day, over 3,000 dogs and cats are born in the U.S. Most of these animals are unwanted and many end up in shelters. You can save a life by adopting a cat or dog from your local shelter.
9. Many dogs and cats awaiting adoption at the shelter are already housebroken! With most family members gone during the work day for 8 hours or more, house training is certainly an important consideration.
8. When you adopt an older dog or cat from the shelter, you already know how big the animal is, what his temperament is, how active he is and if he has been trained.
7. Adoption staff work with you to make that perfect match. They will try and make sure that you are choosing the pet that will make both family and animal happy with each other.
6. Instant companion! When you adopt from a shelter you immediately have a devoted friend for life.
5. You will be an example to others and they may become inspired to visit a shelter.
4. There are puppies and kittens at the shelter as well as older animals. Whatever age you are looking for, you can find him or her at the shelter.
3. Purebreds can be found at the shelter. Experts say approximately 10-12% of animals in shelters are purebreds. So if you have your heart set upon a certain breed, try checking with your shelter. Most will keep you on a waiting list if they don't have what you're looking for.
2. Most shelters provide necessary shots and spaying/neutering before the animal goes home with you. Spaying/neutering helps to end the tremendous pet overpopulation problem, is healthier for your animal, and saves you time and money.
1. UNCONDITIONAL LOVE!!! Your new pet will love you regardless of all other outside factors. Where else can you find that kind of devotion??



**HAPPY TAILS.....**

Seven years ago the O'Shea family were visiting mom Peggy O'Shea from the Community Foundation and came along with her for a visit to HALO House. They didn't intend to adopt a cat but fell in love with Noah, a pure white cat. Noah came to HALO House when he ran up to someone searching for their own cat during the flooding on West Main Street in Little Falls. His expression said "HELP ME!" and so we did! The rest is history. Noah is loved and cared for. And his sisters Violet and Sylvia recently sent HALO \$30 that they raised from a lemonade stand!

**Gas, Grocery, and Green Raffles**

In December of 2013, we held our drawing for our 2013 Gas, Groceries, and Green Raffle. A big congrats to our three winners: 1st Prize went to Joyce Astafan, 2nd Prize went to Zachary Franchi, and 3rd Prize to Martha Mamrosch. Thank you to everyone who supports HALO!

Our latest raffle winners were chosen right after the Remsen Barn Festival in September. 1st prize of \$500 went to Steve Hajec of Utica, 2nd prize of \$300 to Jim Hance of Boonville, and 3rd prize of \$100 went to Veronik Stoecke of Middleville. Thank you to everyone who supported us! Be watching for our next big raffle!

**H.A.L.O.'s "Ring In The New Year" Raffle:**  
 One of our prettiest raffles ever! Winners were drawn on February 14th. 1st Prize of a gorgeous 14K White Gold Peridot ring with .08 diamonds went to Andy McEvoy. 2nd Prize, a beautiful 14K Yellow Gold Peridot ring with multistones, went to Kathy Prestopnik. Both rings were generously donated to HALO by long time HALO supporters Gary and Bev Zilkowski. Congrats to our winners and thank you so much to our donors!

**HALO's Cash Raffle:** What a fun raffle this was - congrats to our winners! \$500 was awarded to our 1st Prize winner Bonnie Coffin of Ilion. 2nd Prize of \$250 was given to Tina Higgins of Ilion. And five \$50 3rd Prize awards went to Evelyn Johnson of Stratford, Eileen Cuffe, Linda Salarpi, Carlos Rodriguez, and M.J. Miller.

**Mother's Day Basket Raffle:** Wanda Austin was the winner! Many thanks to Berkshire Bank and employees, especially Jessica, for displaying and selling the majority of the tickets!

Thank you all for your support!

**VAL's Story (picture below)**

Life has been unfair to Val so far, but at HALO, every animal gets to start fresh, no matter how much they've been hurt. No animal is ever too broken for a fresh start! Poor Val arrived at HALO House around Valentine's Day, in bitter cold weather, freezing, and injured. She had followed a compassionate man into his apartment. He brought her to HALO House the next day with what appeared to be a broken leg. Xrays at the vet showed that she had a dislocated hip and knee, along with old fractures. No one knows what horrible things have happened to poor Val. Despite her injuries, Val is very sweet and runs around as if she had four healthy legs. We think sweet Val is about a year old. At HALO, every animal is considered perfect no matter what condition they arrive in. Val is ready for her fresh start, her loving forever home. Could that be you?

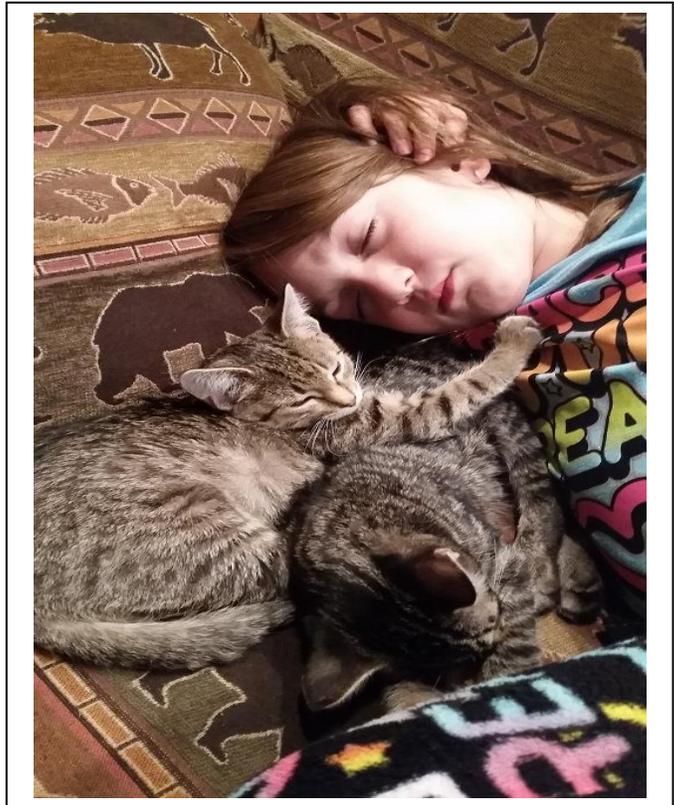
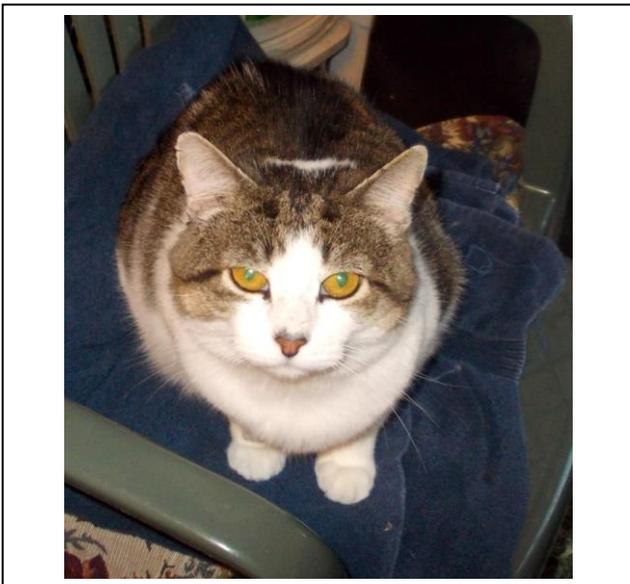


For you smart cats on Facebook, look for regular updates. Please add us as a friend. Search for **HALO Helping Animals Live Organization**

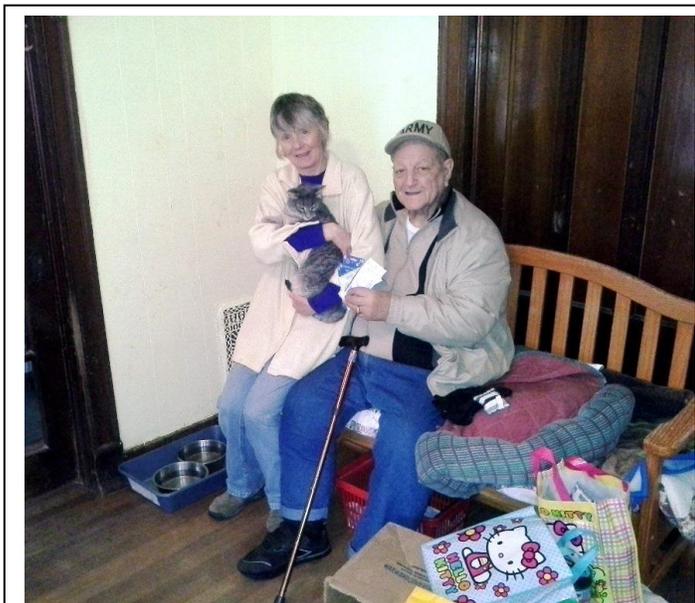
**STU** - Stu came to the door of HALO's Vice President, Faye Bunk, meowing for her attention. Was it the first house he came to? We don't know, but he finally made it to the right house where his cries would not be ignored. He was a sorry-looking stray with dirty fur and sores behind his ears. He was shy at first, but responded immediately to the affectionate attention Faye gave him. And, looking like a tom cat who had seen some rough times, he was as good as gold with her other cats. When taken to HALO House, again, when he would see the cats through a screen door (because he had to be confined when he first came in) he didn't spit or hiss. When taken to the vet., we discovered that he had already been neutered. So his history is a mystery - did he wander away from home or was he abandoned? We are fixing him up right now and hope to find a loving home for Stu. **This is Stu, below, sponsored by Sandy Graham:**



H.A.L.O. was one of the recipient organizations to be awarded a \$1,000 grant in honor of the Berkshire Bank's recent partnership with Bank of America to acquire 18 branch banking locations throughout New York State. In celebration of this new endeavor, the bank's charitable foundation recognized important non-profit organizations in the communities where these bank branches are located. The staff at the Little Falls branch of Berkshire Bank nominated H.A.L.O. to receive the donation. Pictured here at the Little Falls branch are: (Left to right) Jessica Barnes (Teller Supervisor), Christina Koch (FSR), Faye Bunk (H.A.L.O. volunteer), Jessica Kleist (Branch Manager), Cindy Vespi (Teller).



Bonnie and Clyde. They are very happy in their new home and have grown to be very attached to 8 year old Kaylee.



Candy Dean (HALO volunteer) holding Violet with Anthony Gabriel who celebrated his birthday with donations to HALO.

**A few more thanks (we have many!):**

Walmart Distribution Center, Sharon Springs employees, who continuously send food, litter, cleaning supplies and treats for their sponsored cats.

Carol Quackenbush for sponsoring Chrissy.

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"Farewell, Master, yet not farewell. Where I go, ye too shall dwell.  
I am gone, before your face, A moment's time, a little space.  
When ye come where I have stepped Ye will wonder why ye wept."  
After Death by Edwin Arnold



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