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Note from HALO's Board of Directors

It's hard to believe that a year has already passed since our last newsletter - but here we are right in the middle of summer! On behalf of everyone here at H.A.L.O., we once again would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all of the individuals, organizations and businesses that continue to support our mission of rescuing stray, abused and abandoned animals.

Sadly, despite all pleas to caregivers to spay or neuter their pets, feline over-population continues to be a major problem and H.A.L.O., as well as all area rescue groups, are struggling to meet the current need. The situation is urgent and your cash contribution in any amount will go a long way towards defraying increased costs.

Nearly as urgent is our need for volunteers. PLEASE read our appeal for help and consider how YOU can help keep the doors of H.A.L.O. open for these helpless animals. Everything we do is only possible because of you!

Thank you from the HALO Board of Directors

H.A.L.O. Fundraising Committee

We need volunteers! Want to help us by having fun and helping the animals? Join our Fundraising Committee! Our Fundraising Committee works all year long to organize fun events for the community, all to help the HALO kitties. Events such as our annual Chinese Auction and HALO Hoedown raise much needed funds. If you are responsible, creative, enthusiastic, and want to be a part of something BIG, join us! New ideas are always welcome! Please call Deb Estey at 315-866-8608 or Sandy Silverstein at 315-733-6030 for more info!

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HALO Board member Sandy Silverstein and her mom Linda are dressed for the occasion: the Chicken BBQ/Luau Dance fundraiser at the Polish Community Home in Herkimer, July 21, 2012.



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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LEGACY/PLANNED GIVING

Did you know that around half of all Americans do not leave a will? Without a will, the state decides how your assets are passed on. Your real estate, savings and personal items could end up in the hands of people you may not want to receive them. One of the most important aspects of estate planning is preparing for your animal companions' future—for the time when you are no longer there to care for them yourself. Our companion animals are an integral part of our lives, and we know that they depend on us completely. So it is crucial to make careful preparations now for their future care. Did you know that you can incorporate important steps into your estate planning to ensure the long-term well-being of your animals and also make their transition to a life without you as stress-free as possible for them?

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 call Faye at 315-823-0239.



Bank of America employees volunteer one night a week at HALO House. L-R: Jessica Barnes, Cindy Vespi, Natalie Lennon, Jessica Kleist, Stephanie Northup. Not pictured Julie Erno.

Upcoming Fundraisers and Events!

4TH ANNUAL HALO HOEDOWN - Yes, it's that time of year again! Get your cowboy boots and hats ready! The 4th HALO Hoedown will be held on Sunday, September 16th at the Silverado, Marginal Rd, in Herkimer. This year's lineup is the best yet! Join us for music from Kara Brown, The Dependents, TJ Sacco, Redneck Rodeo Cowboys, Fulton Chain Gang, and National Recording Artist Sean Patrick McGraw! Doors open at 11am. Show starts at NOON. Just \$6 for adults, children 16 and under FREE! There will be food, raffles, merchandise, a chinese auction and door prizes! Bring a cat food donation and receive an extra chance at a door prize!

Remsen Barn Festival - Join us on September 22 and 23 as we join the Remsen Barn Fest for the 2nd year in a row! We will be selling our merchandise and raffle tickets. And you never know just what you'll find at our booth - aside from friendly smiles!

Aubuchon Hardware's Pink 50 Event, Oct. 20 - HALO will be participating in this year's event. Please join us as we help to support breast cancer awareness and research. HALO joined last year's event and it was so much fun! We sold pink catnip mice and kickers, and 3 adult cats were adopted! We also had a bake sale and 50/50 raffle! There will be a lot of in-store specials and many other non profit organizations will be participating, including a mammography bus.

2nd Annual Bus Trip to the Finger Lakes Wineries - We're doing it again! On Sunday, October 28th, some very happy travelers will be headed to the Finger Lakes to check out three wineries - with tastings at each! Tickets are just \$50 each, which includes round trip transportation and all of the tastings. Seating is limited, so reserve now! Money is due upon reservation. First come, first served! For more info, call Deb at 315-866-8608

Fall Trash and Treasure Sale - Please check back with us often as date and time will be announced soon. Anyone with new or gently used items to donate (no clothing please), please call Faye at 315-823-0239 or Deb at 315-866-8608.

Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale - Our very popular fundraiser will be coming up in October/November, 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.

Enjoy the City Coupon Books - are always available. Please call a HALO volunteer if interested in saving money!

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

In January 2012, our beloved Board Member and Treasurer, Andrea Heckel, underwent knee surgery. In her absence, several kind people stepped up to help at HALO House in her absence. We would like to personally thank Rosemary Dibble, Debra Estey, Candy Dean, Carol Quackenbush, Georgette Flanders, Robin & Mark Gross, Joyce LaVenture, Barb Murray, Kathy Lamb and Bob Meyers.

Thank you, Thank you to....

Joyce LaVenture for volunteering to make catnip kickers and mats. These items were sold at many events!

Rob & Sue Phillips of the Silverado in Herkimer for their continued support of HALO and our events! Not only do they generously provide the Silverado to us, but they have generously made several \$100 donations at each of our events that they host! It is because of people like Rob and Sue that we can continue to do what we do!

Diane Broccoli, Executive Director of the Stevens- Swan Humane Society, for donating several pounds of dry cat food to HALO!

Melody Pollit for donating numerous gift baskets for use in our Chinese Auctions, HALO Hoedowns, and Spaghetti Dinners! In addition, Melody has donated a beautiful antique watch and has baked many delicious goodies for our bake sales. We couldn't do it without you Melody!

Krissi Newton and the Ilion CSD Foundation for inviting HALO to set up a booth at their 31st Annual Remington Elementary PTO Arts and Crafts Fair on November 5, 2011. In addition to raising several hundred dollars, a fun time was had by all!

Jane Verri, Cynthia Gabriel, and HCCC Women's Club for their generous donation of 165 lbs of dry cat food and monetary donation!

Susan Eddy for her numerous donations of items, used during our Chinese Auctions and Online Auctions!

An amazing anonymous donor, who donated two brand new vacuum cleaners to HALO, valued at over \$500!

Bug Country 99.7FM & 101.1FM for their continued support of HALO!

Cynthia Quackenbush, who has donated items for our raffles and Chinese Auctions, and also supports us at our many events. Cynthia frequently blogs about HALO and helps us get the word out. Check out her blog at <http://mohawkvalleygirl.wordpress.com/>. Thanks so much Cynthia!

Stevens-Swan Humane Society for donating 1,000 pounds of cat food!

Connie Johnson for constantly sending coupons and hanging flyers in the Newport/Middleville area.

Please save Purina Weight Circles for us!



Alternative Veterinary Care

Courtesy of Dr. Yanxin Chen,
Fort Plain Animal Hospital.

**Dr. Chen has been practicing acupuncture
for over 20 years!**

Holistic medicine and acupuncture have been used for over 4000 years in China. Holistic and Traditional medicines are not mutually exclusive modalities; in fact, the most desired effects often occur when the two are used concurrently. Some of the common ailments of pets that benefit most from these remedies are: arthritis, auto-immune disease, skin problems, respiratory problems, gastrointestinal disorders, seizures, urinary disorders including kidney insufficiencies, and certain reproductive disorders.

Most holistic medications are derived from herbal plants, isolating and magnifying the active components to generate the body to heal itself. A major use is for chronic or geriatric patients. These patients cannot metabolize traditional medications as younger patients and tend to need long-term therapy, which causes concern about side effects associated with long-term use of many medications.

Acupuncture is often defined as the insertion of fine metal needles into specific points of the body to stimulate the desired healing effects. The needles are left in place for approximately 5 to 30 minutes depending on the nature of the disease or discomfort. Electro-stimulation of the needles is sometimes advantageous to achieve the desired effect. Injections of vitamins into various points may also be utilized. A typical treatment regimen is once weekly for 4 to 6 weeks, then gradually reducing to every other week, and depending on the animal's needs, the treatments may be spread over a 4 to 8 week period. Acupuncture is not a cure-all -- but does provide a number of benefits to the patient. It can also be utilized to treat minor sports injuries or keep pets in top physical condition, enabling them to easier perform their normal routines.

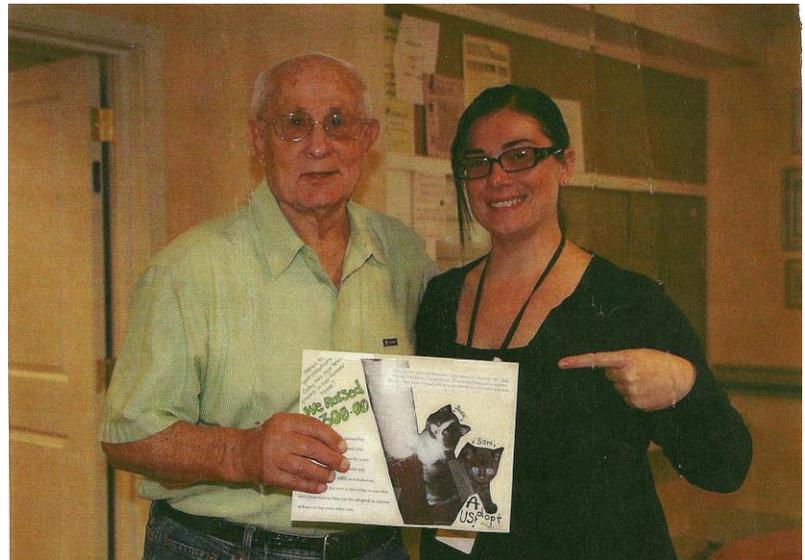


So Much Generosity! HALO would like to send a HUGE thanks and a PAWS UP to the following people...

Garrett Goldsmith celebrated his 12th birthday by asking his guests to bring donations of food, treats and toys for the HALO kitties, in lieu of birthday gifts! We are so proud of you Garrett!

Samantha Hains of Ilion asked guests at her graduation party (Samantha graduated from HCCC) to bring donations of food and money so that they could be donated to HALO in lieu of gifts for herself. We are speechless. Thank you Samantha!

HALO supporter Linda Pratt's nephew and nieces donated a whopping \$25 to HALO in place of their Christmas gifts. Thank you, thank you to Timothy, Lilli, and Caitlyn Johndrew of Oswego NY! We love when children share our passion for animals!



Many thanks to Michelle Wyman and Ingersoll Place, an assisted living facility in Niskayuna, NY. The staff and residents of Ingersoll Place worked hard to raise funds for us and presented us with a check for a whopping \$300! Words cannot express our level of gratitude to these kind and generous people. We admit, we cried just a little.



Grants, grants, and more grants!

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

In December of 2011, the CJ Heilig Foundation awarded HALO with a \$5,000 grant for general operation expenses.

In June 2012, HALO received a \$5,000 grant from Foundation M to be used toward the general operation of HALO and HALO House!

HALO was also fortunate to receive a \$500 grant from the Staffworks Charitable Fund, a donor-advised fund of the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc., and also Anita Vitullo, President, Staffworks, Inc. These funds were awarded to HALO to purchase a new washing machine for HALO House in July 2012!



Shelly Day & Andrea Heckel at the Remington Elementary PTO Arts & Crafts Fair



L-R: HALO V.P. Faye Bunk, adopter Catherine Combs holding Mr. Kitty, and Chuck Heron. Sue & Chuck Heron donated a new bed & treats for Mr. Kitty to enjoy in his new home.

Many, Many Thanks to.....

Gary and Bev Zilkowski for the many pieces of beautiful jewelry they have donated to HALO. Because of their kindness and generosity, HALO has been able to use these jewelry items for raffles and outright sales. Their most recent donations have been two GORGEOUS bags of golf clubs (valued at \$1,400 each!), used in one of our raffles.

Danny Pawluk, General Manager of the Little Falls Municipal Golf Course, for allowing us to display the golf clubs in one of our raffles, and also for selling tickets for us!

Carol Quackenbush and the WalMart Foundation for their generosity. Carol submitted a Volunteerism Always Pays grant to the foundation. For each 25 hours of volunteer work that Carol does for HALO, we receive \$250 on a quarterly basis! Carol has also recruited Maureen Grandstaff for the VAP Program, recruited Maureen for sponsoring our Kendra, Janice O'Meara for sponsoring Casper, and recently ran a food drive with co-workers (which brought us 640 cans of cat food!). We couldn't do it without you, Carol!

Kris Wilson, for helping us in so many ways...but especially for helping us to sell our raffle tickets!

Luke Barrett, owner of The Willows Restaurant in Utica, for donating part of the proceeds of his homemade dog biscuits to HALO. Thanks Luke!

Caryl Hopson for helping with press releases and making those amazing posters for us! Caryl also generously takes time out of her day to take great pictures of our HALO kitties for our Petfinder page! We would be lost without you, Caryl!

Bob Heath, for donating a like-new washing machine to HALO House.

Aubuchon Hardware manager Joanie Gregory, and all of their wonderful employees, for hosting some of our kitties last Christmas. HALO had 10 beautiful tiger kittens and needed to find homes for them. Joanie let us set up a crate in the store and because of her kindness, 9 out of the 10 kittens found homes! The employees cared for the cats in the AM and HALO supporter Kate Pendergrass cared for them each night. Thank you so much to all of you!

Enea Family Funeral Homes for sponsoring our website, www.halorescue.net.

Linda Wagner, for helping with our newsletter and events!

Karen Sohns, who has helped us at almost every event we have!

Rosemary Dibble, who won \$500 in our Santa Paws Raffle. Rosemary donated \$250 of her winning to HALO and \$250 to CAP!

Peter and Kay Hess of PK's Pub, who sponsored a golf tournament in the Fall of 2011. They raised over \$400 for HALO and CAP!

Chuck and Sue Heron, for their help at our HALO events - spaghetti suppers, bake sales, etc. And for their generous donations.

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: ___

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please mail your donation with this completed form to:

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Little Falls, NY 13365

Thank you very much!

A BIG thanks to the following businesses for their continued support. Please show your support by patronizing these generous area businesses:

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| Aubuchon Hardware | Fall Hill Bead & Gem | Kinney Drugs, Little Falls | Polish Community Home, Herkimer |
| Bagel Grove, Utica | Fat Cats, Herkimer | Knight's Inn, Little Falls | Raven's Watch Antiques, Little Falls |
| Bank of America, Little Falls | Fort Plain Animal Hospital | Little Falls Carpet | RD's Redemption Center |
| Bella Vista Restaurant | George's Lumber | Little Falls Construction | Salvatore's Pizza |
| Big M, Little Falls | George M. Bunk, P.E., P.C. | Little Falls Hardware | Shear Magic, Little Falls |
| Bug Country 99.7 & 101.1 | H&H Accounting & Tax | Little Falls Municipal | Silverado Inn |
| Burrstone Animal Hospital | Hannaford Supermarkets | Golf Course | Spring Farm Cares |
| Collis Hardware | Healing Touch | Mustard Seed | Stevens-Swan Humane Society |
| CVS Pharmacy, Little Falls | Heart & Hand | Ole VI | Stone Mill |
| Doggie Styles Grooming Salon | Therapeutic Massage | Ole Sal's | The Telegram |
| Dreamcatcher Massage | Herb Phillipsons, Rome | Observer-Dispatch | The Times |
| Ed's Pizza | Hummel's Office Plus | Paris Hill Cat Clinic | The Velvet Dog, Herkimer |
| Endless Summer | Homestyle Specialty Foods | Pet Supplies Plus | The Willows, Utica |
| Exeter Veterinary Clinic | Ilion Wine and Spirits | Piccolo Cafe | Vintage Spirits |
| | Inn By The Mill | PK's Pub | WalMart Distribution Center, |
| | Kathy's Hair Design | Pohlig's | Sharon Springs |

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. But their needs are great and continue to grow. 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. Can you spare an hour a week? In addition to caring for the animals, opportunities include: fostering, helping with our newsletter, grant writing, events, crafters, drivers to 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.

A Heartfelt Thank You

HALO would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the many individuals, families and organizations for their generous donations of money, merchandise, volunteering, fostering or lending a special skill.

Donations received as of August 1, 2012

Loraine Abrrial
 Fran Adams-Kaczor
 Larry Agne
 Sallie Backius
 James and Dawn Baker
 Samantha S. Barnes
 Chet Bartkowski
 Joyce Benedict
 Susan Bennett
 Elizabeth Boppel
 Cindy Bogerd
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 Ms. Catherine Hearn
 Chuck and Sue Heron
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 Sally Hillegas
 Caryl Hopson
 Ray Hulten & Judy Mijares
 Suzanne and Neal Hunt
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 Bill Jones
 Connie Johnson
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 Diane King
 James F. Kowol
 Katherine Krawrecki
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 Dorthy Zaborek
 Eileen Zaklukiewicz
 Tom and Mary Zambri
 Judy Zarin
 Bev and Gary Zilkowski
 Leslie Zuccaro

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



LT is a very sweet, handsome man, named after football player LaDainian Tomlinson. LT is approx. 3 ½ years old & a big lovebug whose world was turned upside down when his elderly dad could no longer care for him. As happens too often, the rest of the family didn't want him. He would love nothing more than to feel safe and secure again with a new family in his furever home!



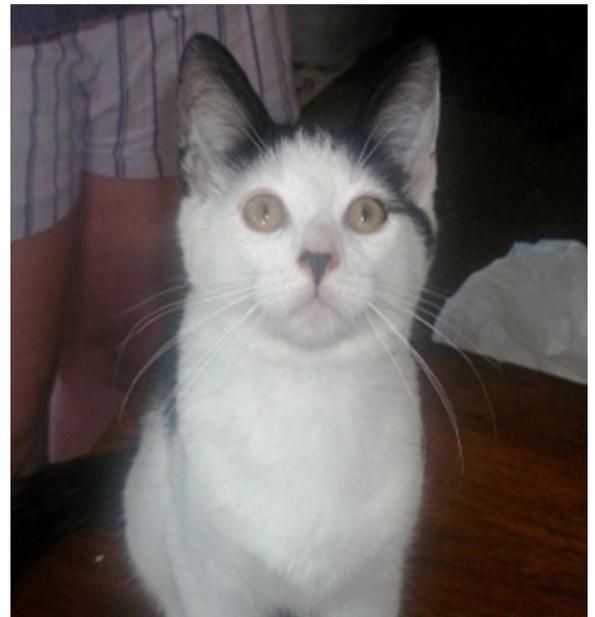
Liberty is a very sweet, very pretty, petite little tiger & white kitty! She is approx. 1 ½ year old and was found by Lock 17 in Little Falls on 4th of July evening, lying in the tall grass and started meowing immediately when approached. It took a little work to catch her, but we think she's very glad we did. She is very friendly and loving and quite the chatterbox!

Win FREE Gas For a Year!

HALO's current raffle is our most exciting prize yet! **FREE Gas for a Year!** Based on national averages and gas prices, the prize is worth \$2,250. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Please call us at 315-823-4680 if you'd like to purchase some or help sell these great raffle tickets! Drawing is December 20.



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.



OREO - Oreo was taken in by the same people who rescued Grace, a gray tiger cat. He was also found on the street hiding under a bush across the road from where they lived. After perusing the neighborhood to see if he belonged to anyone, it was discovered that a girl had brought it home after finding the poor kitten hanging around on the Main Street in Little Falls near the busy street. The people didn't want to keep him. Oreo is a very sweet kitten, loves to play, and likes to talk to you.

Did You Know?

HALO has a sponsor program! We would like to thank HALO supporter Maureen Grandstaff for sponsoring Kendra (our blind kitty- and Featured Feline) and also for sponsoring our sweet kitty Faye). Maureen sends food, treats, and monetary donations for Kendra's care! And we would also like to thank our HALO supporter Janice Omeara, who sponsors handsome Casper. Heartfelt thanks to you both!

Foster Homes are Needed!

We can only rescue as many animals as we have room, funds, and volunteers for. It's just a sad fact. If you want to make a difference in the lives of homeless cats in the Mohawk Valley this year, become a foster home for HALO! Volunteer foster homes provide short-term, in-home care for dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens in need until they are adopted. All veterinary care is paid for. Fostering can last from a few days to several months. Right now, we're especially looking for foster homes for kittens. Every foster home that we add to our network means another life saved! If you are interested in becoming a foster home for HALO, call Faye at 315-823-0239. **TOGETHER, LET'S SAVE THEM ALL!**

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

We always have HALO t-shirts and sweatshirts available for purchase. We have some new colors in too! If there's a particular color and/or size that you're looking for, just let us know. If we're out of it, we'll be happy to get it for you!



Samantha Hains donates a lot of goodies for the HALO House.

Our Featured Feline

Kendra is a very sweet, approximately 6 - 7 year old darling who was rescued in a parking lot in the dead of winter outside of a Bingo hall about three years ago. Poor Kendra's world was recently shattered when she suddenly went blind. We can't imagine what life must be like for our poor Kendra now. She has had to learn to maneuver around over 100 other cats. She must feel so helpless! She wanders around a bit but mostly stays on her shelf. Blind cats adapt very well to their surroundings, but she needs a home with only a few pets, rather than the number of cats residing at HALO House. Given enough time and love, Kendra should be back to her old self very quickly. But she needs YOU to give her that home that she so deserves. Please consider opening your home and heart to our dear Kendra! HALO would like to send an extra special thank you to Maureen Grandstaff from Esperance, NY. Maureen cannot adopt Kendra, but she has generously chosen to sponsor her by sending monetary donations. Maureen, you are an angel! This is Kendra:



HALO's Wish List

- Volunteers! Would you like to help out at HALO House? How about an event or two? Just let us know!
- Trash bags and paper products such as paper towels
- Laundry and dish detergent
- Gas cards to help with transport
- Cat toys
- Kitty litter (non-clumping)
- Blankets, sheets, and towels
- Cat food (Purina or better quality dry food, Friskies or better quality canned food)!
- Gift cards to local Pet Supply stores
- If you can't decide, why not a WalMart gift card? This will help us to pick up last minute items that might be needed!
- We would also LOVE and very much appreciate donated books of postage stamps!

Remembrances

Honoring Special Friends

Tom Hebert
Mini Kingsley
Fran Conway
Jill Hebert
By Susan Bennet

Chet Bartkowski
By Lynn Swartz

Charlee QeuLongo
By Constance M. Longo

Ruth Meyers – One of my
favorite cat lovers
By Sue Wandover

Steve Davis
By Chuck and Sue Heron

Remembering Special People

Leslie Hager Bartkowski
By Chet Bartkowski
By Ed Sitzer

Elizabeth Farnell
By Ken and Sharon
Palmer

Elizabeth Farnell
By Allen Shibley

Harry Wright
By Duane Wright
By Gale Wright Comstock,
Diane Wright, and Family

Beverly Lamanna
By Paulette Restante

Michael Mosher
By Paulette Restante

Francis Gifford
By Paulette Restante

Margaret Restante
By Paulette Restante

Remembering Special People (cont'd)

Larry Kelly, my brother
who so loved his cat
By Karen and Doug
Thierry

David Walrath
By Paulette Restante

Gary Slaboc
By Armetta and Marlene
Seifried

By Mr. and Mrs. Manfred
Kula
By Nancy Coffin
By Alfred and Jean
Munger

Cheryl P. Schoen
By Edward, Catherine,
and Jennie Maziarz
By William Evans III
By Evelyn Drepen
By Brenda Urbanke
By Wm Graber, MD, PC.
By Joe Tarkowski
By Betty Crabbe
By Kevin and Theresa L.
Sullivan

Dianne Fredericks
By Don Fredericks

Greg Handy
By Ron Zimmerman

Charlotte Michaels
By Constance M. Longo

*Maurice and Marguerite
Nichols*
By Donna Merryman

Leland Hoke
By Linda M. Butler

Donald Harper
By Employees of the Little
Falls Post Office

Sigrid Kannianen
By Elaine Griswold

Remembering Special People (cont'd)

Donald D. Paracka
By David Paracka

Barbara Lewandrowski
By Cynthia L.
Chmielewski

Marion Llewellyn
By Susan and Gary
Kosmoski

Dorothy Hodge
By Her Children: Sandra
Barry, Ron, and Darlene
Karla

Shirley Lockwood – My
mom
By Teresa Lockwood

Tom Johnston
By Toni McEvoy

Adeline Frank
By Andrea, Charlie, and
Billy Heckel

Remembering Special Animals

"Mr. Delbert"
By Ed and Joan Smith

"Rocker"
By Jane Vooris

"Pumpkin"
By Dawn Kane and
Danyel Everson

"Shierpy"
By Helen M. Maksymicz

"Swiper" and "Keenew"
By Dolores Musa

"Brandy," "Buffy," and
"Lucky"
By Patricia Esposito

"Teeger" and "Pepper"
By Linda Pratt

Remembering Special Animals (cont'd)

"Duke"
By Peg and Rocco Scarano

"Charlie" – Cherished Cat
of Gary Markowicz
By Lorraine Abrial

"Pookie Bear"
By Connie Johnson

"Chester"
By Marge and Wayne
Saddlemire

"Mimi," "Joyce," and
"Arthur"
By Laurel Morrisette

"Coal" – Cherished Cat of
Sharon Marshall
By Lorraine Abrial

"Kay Skippy" – Beloved
Cat of Connie Johnson

"Sherman" – Beloved Cat
of Karen and Doug
Thierry

Honoring Special Animals

"Molly"
By Jane Vooris

"Emma"
By Donald Hoffman

"Sadie," "Katie," and
"Maggie Mae" – HALO
Kitty

"Miss Chloe" and "Eliza
Jane" – CAP Kitty
By Linda Pratt

"Skeeter"
By Peg and Rocco Scarano

"Louie"
By Linda and Dale
Wagner

Everybody's born so they can learn to live a good life and love others.
Animals already know how to do that so they don't need to stay as long. ~Anonymous