# HALO PAW PRINTS



Fall 2013



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**HALO - Helping Animals Live Organization 615 Albany Street** Little Falls, NY 11365



Tessa Dzuba of Maine, NY won the Bug Country Texaco Showdown in July. Bug Country's Dave Silvers & his wife (and HALO Board member) Sandy present the \$500 top prize. Proceeds went to HALO!

### H.A.L.O. Help – Got a Minute?

A minute, an hour or a day - we need volunteers! Want to help us by having fun and helping the animals? Join HALO as a volunteer! We need people to help at events, bakers for bake sales, feeding and cleaning at the shelter, getting donations for our annual Chinese Auction, general help at our HALO Hoedown -- and all to help the HALO kitties. 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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It's hard to believe that HALO is celebrating our 10th Anniversary this year! To all of you who have supported us throughout the decade...who freely gave...who bought candy, raffle tickets, or attended any one of our various fundraisers...who graciously gave of your time and talents...who opened your hearts and your homes to adopt or foster a new pet...to ALL of you, on behalf of all of us at HALO, we extend our deepest and heartfelt thanks. You made a huge difference in the lives of every animal under our care. As you can imagine, the daily expense of food, shelter, and yet care are getting costlier. In addition, many repairs and improvements to HALO House are needed. So we ask for your continued support so that HALO House can continue to be here, in our community, as a safe haven for the homeless and abandoned cats and kittens for the next 10 years and beyond! We have a long way to go; but looking ahead, we cannot help but feel great pride for just how far we have come and there's boundless enthusiasm for the journey ahead. We hope you feel the same.



2013 Chinese Auction, Silverado, Herkimer

### 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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#### **Board Members**

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### A Lasting Legacy

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.





Pippie & Lulu were adopted by Frank & Barbara Pell of Albany. Here they are in May, 2011. The Pells wrote that they're 2 little angels and "they have brought us much joy and happiness." Below are Lulu & Pippie in December, 2012. Truly, a Happy Tale.





#### **Fundraisers and Events!**

5TH ANNUAL HALO HOEDOWN – It's a BIG one! Sponsored by Empower Federal Credit Union, The 5th HALO Hoedown will be held on Sunday, October 6th at the Silverado, Marginal Rd, in Herkimer. Rain or shine, it will be held outside for the first time. In case of bad weather it will be moved inside the Silverado. It's an afternoon of country music from Grit 'n' Grace, TJ Sacco, American Honey Band, Mutt Farm, Todd Storinge, and opening the show, Bug Country's Texaco Country Showdown runnerup, Liz DeSanctis. Doors open at 11am. Show starts at NOON. Just \$6 for adults, children 10 and under FREE! There's a free bounce house, free Chobani Yogurt, food provided by Delectable Dishes Catering, raffles, merchandise, a superb chinese auction and door prizes! Please bring a cat food or litter donation.

**Remsen Barn Festival** – A fall tradition in Central New York. Thanks to everyone who stopped by our booth, our 3rd year in a row selling our merchandise and raffle tickets. It's always a great place to stop and shop.

**Bus Trip to Boston** – September  $7^{th}$ , we hit the road to enjoy of of America's great cities. It a not only a fun time for all, we raised \$892! If you have an idea for another bus trip, please contact 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** – They're always available! Please call a HALO volunteer if you're interested in saving lots of money!

**eBay** – If you have something of value you'd like to donate, Dave Silvers sells merchandise on eBay for us all the time, he takes no fee, so 100% goes to HALO. Dave has sold many items for us including CDs, jewelry and country music stars' autographed pictures. Please contact Dave at davenymets@yahoo.com.

**Gas, Groceries & Green** – our newest raffle! Which do YOU need the most? Money for gas, groceries, or YOU?

**Fall (in love) Adoption Clinic** – Aubuchon Hardware in Herkimer, next to WalMart. October 19, 10AM-2PM. Many beautiful cats & kittens need homes. Please stop by. Goodie bags will be given with every adoption

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**.

#### Special Thanks.....

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 and Facebook pages. We cannot thank you enough Caryl!

Linda Wagner, for helping with our events!

Karen Sohn, who helps us at many events and creates our donor page for our newsletter!

Chuck and Sue Heron, for their help at our HALO events and for their generous donations. Sue is also our 'go to' person for our HALO bake sales. We can always count on Sue for something delicious!

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

Gary and Bev Zilkowski for the many pieces of beautiful jewelry they have donated to HALO for our raffles.

To the Herkimer American Legion Auxiliary for their \$50 donation!

Jill Evans, who donated beautiful fleece blankets/pillows to HALO to sell at our merchandise table!

Timothy, Lilli, & Caitlyn who asked Aunt Linda to send HALO a donation in lieu of Christmas gifts this year!

The Herkimer Polish Community Home, for their generous donation of \$125 from their Bell Jar account!

The following Bank of America employees, who took advantage of their Company's Matching Gift Program and made donations to HALO: Jessica Barnes, Timothy Daly, Jessica Kleist, Julie Rider-Erno, and Cynthia Vespi. Thank you!!

Celebrity judges Assemblyman Marc Butler, Fulton Chain Gang's Dave Brown, Big Poppa Gary Spears, Steve Warzala, and Dolgeville Mayor Bruce Lyon, Joe Hickel and Monica Price of Delectable Dishes Catering, and Bug Country for sponsoring the 2013 Texaco Showdown at the Silverado on July 14th. All of the admission money collected that day went to HALO--over \$800! Congratulations to Tessa Dzuba, our \$500 grand prize winner (she moved on the the State competition) and 1st Runner-up Liz DeSanctis, who will be opening this year's 5th Annual HALO Hoedown!

Rosemary and John Dibble...In addition to doing various handyman tasks around HALO House, John did a beautiful job at putting new linoleum in the upstairs hallway. Rosemary volunteers every Thursday and does a thorough job of cleaning top to bottom! Recently, they adopted an older black cat that was brought in from a very rural area where someone had actually threatened to shoot the cat. "Simon" is one of the sweetest cats you will ever meet...and very lucky to boot!

Mary Fazegas and Shelley Fazegas for volunteering their time and material to make catnip kickers and mats to us so that we can sell them at our events.

Phil Spine for his help with snow plowing, bush trimming, and other odds and ends around HALO House!

Bob Meyers, who faithfully comes every Tuesday and spends the entire morning cleaning and putting out our recyclables and garbage. Joyce Laventure for volunteering to make catnip kickers and matts. These items have been sold at many of our events!

Rob and 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 great people like Rob and Sue that we can continue to do what we do!

#### **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!

#### Other Ways to Help

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!

#### Please Save Purina Weight Circles for us!



Hannaford Helps HALO: In February of this year, the Hannaford Supermarket in Herkimer designated their donation kiosk to us! Shoppers in the store were then able to make a financial contribution. Donations of cat food (dry and canned) and cat litter were also collected. Thanks to the generosity and kindness of Hannaford and the community, HALO was presented with a total of \$200.17, along with lots of food and litter donations!



Cindy Bogard's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class, Dolgeville Elementary School donated money top HALO in lieu of holiday gifts for each other. We are all so proud of their generosity!

#### **Extra Thanks!!**

Special thanks to Joyce Humphrey who has helped us immensely during Andrea Heckel's recovery. She's done HALO House duties, vet runs and even took Andrea to doctor appointents.

Melody Pollit for donating numerous gift baskets and other items for use in our Chinese Auctions, HALO Hoedown, and numerous other events! In addition, Melody has generously donated beautiful estate jewelry and has baked many delicious baked goods for our bake sales. Thank you so much Melody!

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

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

Aubuchon Hardware in Herkimer for generously supporting us in so many ways! Not only do they help us hold adoption clinics, but they house some of the cats and kittens for us so that they get more exposure to potential adopters. Much thanks to Joanie Gregory (store manager) and Chris (assistant manager). They also donate various items and sell raffle tickets for us. Please support Aubuchon because they support HALO!

Tractor Supply Store in Herkimer for everything they do for us. They help us hold adoption clinics and collect food for us.

#### **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 ral

In June of 2013, HALO received a \$5,000 grant from Foundation M in Andover MD, for general operating support.

In 2012, HALO was fortunate to receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the Ralph and Wilma Maibaum Charitable Trust, for general operating support.

The C.J. Heilig Foundation awarded an unrestricted gift of \$5,000 to HALO in December of 2012.

## When You Give, They Live.

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

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Please mail your donation with this completed form to:

HALO 72 N. Ann Street 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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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.

PK's Pub

Kathy's Hair Design

#### 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. These are donations received as of August 1, 2013.

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LT is a very sweet, handsome man, named after football player LaDainian Tomlinson. LT is approx. 4 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!

#### **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 tovs
- 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!



#### **Featured Felines**



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.



Nedda Thomes and Debbie Estey sell some HALO Merchandise at last year's Mohawk Valley Garlic & Herb Fest in Little Falls.

