

## Helping Animals Live Organization

615 Albany Street, Little Falls, NY 13365

Phone: 315.985.3738 Web site: [www.halo-rescue.net](http://www.halo-rescue.net)



HALO is a not-for-profit animal rescue dedicated to a NO-KILL, CAGE-FREE living environment. We provide a home for life for stray and abandoned cats while teaching a philosophy of love and responsible ownership. To provide for them, we rely on the generosity of individuals, private organizations, and charitable foundations to support our cause. Without the support of caring people, we would not be able to help the numerous cats and kittens that come to us in need throughout the year. ALL donations received are used to support our rescue and adoption efforts. Please remember us with a donation this holiday season.

**Remember — When You Give, They Live.**

December 2022 Newsletter

### Important Message Regarding Pet Abandonment

In the wee hours of October 1, Lemon's owner (who felt she had no other option) left Lemon wrapped in a blanket in a carrier on the porch. Along with Lemon was a note, some flea meds. It was evident that Lemon know that abandonment is against the (H.A.L.O. has identified the owner

Lemon's owner could have talked in this poor kitten alone and scared message states that we are "not taking could have been placed on a waiting been considered. H.A.L.O. does not are full, we will consider every effort

know that every cat needs vetting — a considerable expense when taking in a cat or kitten including spay/neuter, testing for FELV/FIV, all vaccines, and costs for any other medical issue needing attention — and all this must be done at a cost of \$170/cat/kitten before allowing them into our cageless environment.

#### So what should Lemon's owner have done?

- ◆ Ask for help. Talk with someone at H.A.L.O. We have a waiting list. We could also help with a simple courtesy FB post to help rehome.
- ◆ Ask friends and family to help temporarily in what seems to be a desperate situation.
- ◆ Make phone calls to all rescues for help or advice.
- ◆ Provide pet responsibility until arrangements can be made. Never abandon an animal!
- ◆ Always consider your situation and pet expense before getting a pet as a lifetime commitment.

Lemon is currently on antibiotics for dental issues. We are hopeful this will fix her ailment. If not, she will need to have her teeth extracted.

If you're interested in giving Lemon a loving home, please call H.A.L.O. at 315.985.3738 to arrange a visit. At this point, we believe Lemon would be best placed in a single cat household. — Melissa Davis Strait



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**REMEMBER US in  
DECEMBER with the  
STAFFWORKS  
SAVE-A-LIFE CAMPAIGN**  
See our FB page for details.



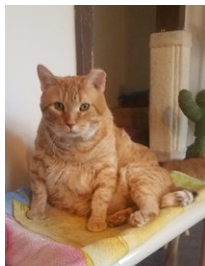
#### ANGEL ADOPTION

**The Perfect Gift  
this holiday season.**

You're not physically giving a pet as a gift. You're paying the adoption fee for the receiver when he or she is "ready" to adopt a pet.  
See our FB page for details

## AN ANGEL ARRIVED at H.A.L.O.

By Victoria Graham Chambers



An angel arrived at H.A.L.O. and chose not just one but two FELV kitties to love and to take home to be her forever fur-babies. Morris (left) has been at H.A.L.O. for a year and a half and Tommy (right) with us for nine months. Morris was feral when he arrived and hissed, spit, scratched, and bit out of fear. It took months to earn his trust, and now he loves a lap, attention, and everyone who visits. Tommy was a loveable stray who roamed the streets of Little Falls. The Herkimer Human Society vetted Tommy, and we decided to bring him to H.A.L.O. so he wouldn't be alone. They became best friends and now, because of an angel that stopped at H.A.L.O., they can stay in their forever home together. Tommy is an Angel adoption, meaning someone paid for his adoption ahead of time.



And, this is a H.A.L.O. success story!

## WHY NOT TAKE TWO

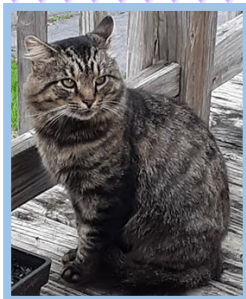
By Victoria Graham Chambers

Merlin and Jay bonded after arriving at H.A.L.O. years ago. We thought they would be lifelong residents because they were extremely shy and because of that they were often overlooked. One day an adopter fell for Merlin, and after adoption approval, she sent her daughter to pick him up. When the daughter arrived home, she told her Mom the story of Merlin and Jay. After hearing how bonded the two cats were, the decision was made that it was best to keep them together. Both forever home, together, for



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**Meet Eggplant:** This beautiful boy enjoys spending his days and evenings on my deck waiting to be fed or just relaxing in the sun. However, it will be turning cold and he will need a good, safe place to live. Thankfully, Eggplant will soon be a H.A.L.O. resident, and although I'll miss him, I know he will be happy, safe, and warm with loving people to care for him until his forever home is found — and I don't think it will take long for that to happen. Look at him. It's easy to fall in love with him at a glance. I sure did!

Natalie, HALO Member

A Special Poem

Written by a

Very Special

Person and

Friend of HALO

### FORGIVENESS

Thrown out in the snow on a cold winter's night  
 Pregnant and scared and so full of fright.  
 "What did I do?" she thought to herself,  
 "To be cast into the dark of the night."  
 "Father forgive them," she said to herself.  
 "I only wanted to love them and be loved for myself."  
 God heard the cries of the forlorn kitten.  
 Heard her prayer of forgiveness as He always listens.  
 A kind, caring couple driving by that night  
 Saw the creature in trouble—they saw her plight.  
 Ever so gently they picked up the kitten  
 Gave her a home and found homes for her kittens.  
 Before you throw an animal out on a cold winter's night,  
 Remember God never fails to keep you in His sight.  
 Irene Cook, Canistota



"You can not look at a sleeping cat and feel tense." — Jane Pauley





### HALO's Annual Craft & Gift Show A Great Success!

*Barry and Donna Rowley display their beautiful hand crafted work along with 30 other crafters. Look for the show again next year, that's Year #10, always the last week in October.*



**HALO's Paint & Sip Fundraiser produced some very talented artists!**

**Next Paint & Sip November 6**



### Trash & Treasures Yard Sale

*Look for our yard sales and find your treasures in May and again in August in the back yard of the H.A.L.O. House located at 615 Albany St., Little Falls. Donations welcome closer to date of event.*



### We Need You!

*If you have a love for cats and kittens, the HALO House is the place for you. You'll be smiling all day! We need volunteers at the house and we need help with our fundraisers. Call 315.985.3738*

### Adoption Rates Only \$80

*For Cats or Kittens Includes Spay/Neuter, Rabies, and Distemper Shots \*Help Control the Pet Population Spay Neuter your Pet*

### Give the Gift of Love

*This holiday season, give the gift of a donation to a rescue. Items include not only food but also cleaning supplies, dish and laundry detergent, paper towels, stamps & much more. See FB page for a complete list.*

**HALO's ANNUAL FLEA MARKET:** Call Natalie at 315.520.3112 to rent a table at our flea market in

### Holiday Pet & Family Pictures

November 12th, 11:00-2:00

Little Falls Library  
10 Waverly Pl, Little Falls

bring your pets, your pets & family, or just your family

**\$10.00** includes emailed digital file with print release

special requested 5x7 prints are an additional \$5.00 each  
Choice of 3 holiday backgrounds

\*\*only 1 session in studio at a time\*\*

All proceeds benefit

**H.A.L.O.**  
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questions?? call HALO 315-985-3738

### HALO's 9th Annual Tree of Love in Little Falls December 10

*In loving memory of the HALO residents who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge before finding their forever homes.*

*We remember our beloved family members and friends who are no longer with us but are forever in our hearts.*

*We honor our pets and loved ones who, thankfully, are still with us.*

*Purchase your ornament in memory of or in honor of a loved one.*

*Details available on our FB page.*



**"One cat just leads to another." — Earnest Hemingway**



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Below are just a few of the dedicated people who love and care for the cats and kittens at HALO.

THANK YOU ALL!



***THANK YOU for supporting HALO. All that we do is only possible because of your generosity.***