

Halfway Home Pet Rescue, Inc.

Board of Directors Yearly Report

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by Norma B. Milton, President

We had a very busy year for a new rescue. We have received our 501c3 which now enables us to write grants for spay and neuter program as well as other needed items.

In 2009, we helped a total of 170 animals, most of them strays, however, about a dozen of them were low-income families needing help. We also helped a couple of low-income families with one-time vet medical expenses. These special situations were done on the recommendation of vet or social worker involved with the family.

I will have a breakdown of the spay/neuter numbers by town in the near future. We have helped animals in need (mostly cats, but a few dogs who needed spay/neuter help) from many towns including Fort Kent, Madawaska, Cross Lake, Caribou, Woodland, Washburn, Connor, Limestone, Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield, Madawaska Lake, New Sweden, Stockholm, New Canada, Van Buren and even as far away as Houlton.

David Bickford continues to provide transportation for the Portland Food Recovery service to our free pet food pantry named in memory of Marie Joyce Allen. Jerry Nelson works on this end to provide the last end of the transport from Sherman to Caribou. According to the vet and from what I have seen myself, this kitchen is a big blessing to many families. It is obvious that it is needed if the families involved are going to be able to provide for their pet instead of giving it up to a shelter.

Robyn Smith created and maintains a lovely website for us. She is very good at keeping everything updated. She also now has us listed on Petfinder.com with photos of our pets. She will be keeping that site updated as well.

Anne Price continues to keep us supplied with the "Going Home" gift packages for our adoptive families. These appear to be greatly appreciated.

Doris Jeffery continues to write our thank you notes and does a very good job at doing in good time.

The monthly adoption fairs have become very popular.

There are many volunteer helpers involved in our work and none of the above could have been accomplished without them.

We have taken in 18 cats since Jan. 1, 2010 to Feb. 16 when another cat is due in. We have adopted out 9 cats. Jean has 3, I have 3, Chapmans have 1, Watson has 1, & one due in tomorrow. Our vet payable this month is \$1124. All other bills are paid to date. We have close to \$700 in the checking account and \$1815 in the Clarissa Bickford voucher account.

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