

November 30, 2009



Halfway Home Pet Rescue
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MISSION

Halfway Home Pet Rescue is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for stray animals in Aroostook County by caring for them, providing medical care including sterilization surgery and finding good quality home environments. Responsible pet ownership education classes will be provided to area schools.

Thanks to Robyn Smith,
 We can now invite you to.....

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Check us out at www.halfwayhomepetrescue.org

We have raffle tickets for a cat quilt homemade by Carolyn Hayden. \$1.00 or 7 for \$5.00



Our Fall Yard Sale & Adoption Fair



Our outside exercise pens for our cats



Caribou Arts & Crafts Fair – our bake table



Our free pony rides for children

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ATTENTION CPR LIFE MEMBERS
Halfway Home Pet Rescue is proud to welcome the Lifetime Members of the former Caribou Pet Rescue. If you were a lifetime member of CPR and wish to have your life membership rolled over into HHPR life membership, please know that we will do so. We will not ask you another membership fee of you, but would love to welcome you to our network of animal lovers.

Chi Chi is ready for adoption now.



NEUTER & SPAY

IT'S THE ONLY WAY

HELP FIX ME !!!

If you cannot afford to fix your cat or dog, call the HELP FIX ME hotline at: 1 800 367-1317

You may be eligible for Maine state low-cost spay/neuter program. It is always best to call during the morning hours of the first business day of each month. If you are told they are out of funding, contact us to see if a spay/neuter voucher is still available. Sometimes you may need to wait for us to replenish our funding.

November 26, 2009

Thanksgiving Day. We continue to look at our miracles over this past year. This past month presented us with more than \$1500.00 in veterinary bills. And we are again able to pay it. I am grateful each time I go to 88 Bennett Drive Redemption Center for the bottle money and to several donation boxes around town. People are kind. They are generous. They care about cats and the work we try to do to help them. I am grateful for the volunteers who make this work possible and that I do not have to try to sweat out ways to raise money for a payroll. I am grateful for the lovely people who come to adopt cats/kittens from us. I am grateful for the tug of sadness I feel each time I kiss a kitten good-bye and hand him over to his new owner. My mind is happy for him, but my heart is sad because I know I will miss him. Each time is difficult, but giving up this baby means that we are able to help the next one. It is not a time to be selfish. We move on.

Little Bert, Bobby, Betty, Flash, Tasha, Simon, Susie, and Sam have all been adopted in the past couple of weeks. We will work hard now to place our sweet adult cats, Amos, Trudy, Carlie, Velvet, Tiger Lily, and Chi Chi. Janice and James are still too scared of people, but they are fairly young feral cats (5 to 7 months) and we will continue to work with them this winter. We were also able to help 6 adult feral cats this month by spaying/neutering and placing them with area farmers. We plan an adoption fair each month, but if you miss it, call for an appointment. We want to meet you and have you meet our darlings.

Please be sure to check out our new website created by Robyn Smith. It is fantastic and we have received many positive comments about it, go to – www.halfwayhomepetrescue.org

I am grateful for the many friends and volunteers who pitched to help me get the new cattery ready as we moved from Madawaska Lake to Caribou. Their help made the transfer as relaxed as possible for our kitties. The new cattery is light, bright and homey. We are small in size, but huge in commitment to our kitties.

Our “bringing kitty home baskets” are very popular. Volunteer Anne Price has spent a lot of time creating a basket with a litter box, litter scoop, toys, dry food, canned food and whatever else she can find that help each new adoptive family get through the first 48 hours without rushing out to a store. The “going home” needs to be as relaxed and fun as possible so that kitty can feel the love and good will of his new family and home.

I am grateful that we were able to raise the funds to apply for our federal 501c3 status which we have now received. Now I will find the time to research grants and other endeavors to keep our spay/neuter programs at a high rate. Many families are having a tough time so it is important to remember that even though a family may love their animal, they perhaps have had to use the money they saved for spaying to buy shoes for a child or groceries for the family. We help where we can. All of our adults are spayed/neutered before adoption and our kittens leave with fully paid spay/neuter vouchers. When we can, we help low-income families to pay their pet. Humane Shelters must be a role model for spaying. If a shelter does not spay each and every animal they adopt out, if they cry “no money to spay,” then how can they turn around and criticize a low-income family for not spaying because they have no money. We must practice what we preach.

We are fortunate to have a friend in Carolyn Hayden of Caribou. Carolyn donated a beautiful homemade cat quilt to us for us to sell tickets on to raise money for our kitties medical bills. It is a very special blanket and has a couple of mice sewn in around the bottom of the quilt. We will plan the drawing on February 14th during the Caribou Winter Carnival Week. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00. You can buy tickets at the Caribou Chamber of Commerce & Industry or call me (Norma) at 492-1722.

We are an all volunteer shelter. Your donation goes directly on the needs of the cats. When leaving a message on my answering machine, speak slowly and repeat the telephone number twice. Our friends at 88 Bennett Drive Redemption continue to turn over your returnable bottle money. Please email me at Milton@mfx.net if you wish to be on our newsletter mailing. Our website is www.halfwayhomepetrescue.org Our correct legal name is Halfway Home Pet Rescue, Inc. Our mailing address has changed to Halfway Home Pet Rescue, PO Box 488, Caribou, ME 04736. “Thank you for being our friend.”

Sincerely,

Norma Milton, president & founder
Halfway Home Pet Rescue, Inc.



formerly Madawaska Lake Homeless Cats
 PO Box 488
 Caribou, ME 04736

Carolyn Hayden of Caribou has donated a beautiful homemade cat quilt to help raise money for our cats. Tickets can be purchased at the Caribou Chamber of Commerce & Industry or from any board member. \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00

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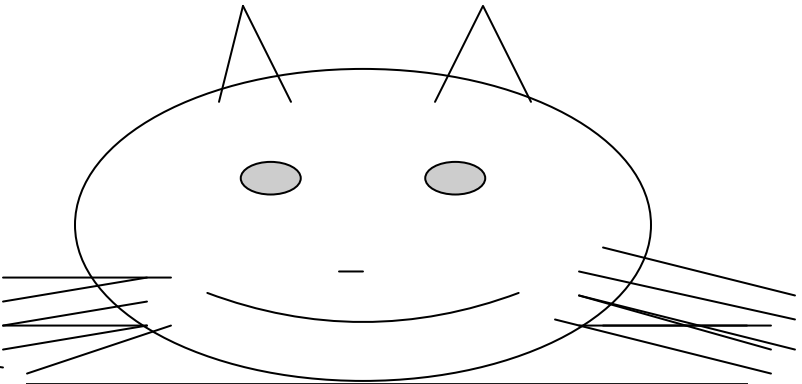
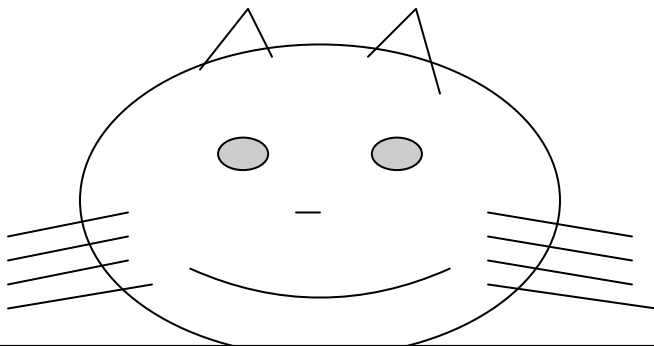
**WE ARE PROUD OF OUR
 PET HEALTH PROGRAMS.**

**WE ARE PROUD OF OUR
 VOLUNTEERS' COMMITMENT.**

**WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE
 THE ANIMALS WHO NEED US.**

**WE HUMBLLY ASK FOR YOUR
 CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

ADDRESS



If you would like to donate to Halfway Home Pet Rescue's operating and medical costs to help the animals in our care, please use the coupon below:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS:

EMAIL: _____

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

**OUR RETURNABLE BOTTLES
 AND CAN DRIVE**

You may turn in your bottles and cans to any board member or drop them off at our friendly sponsors at 88 Bennett Drive Redemption Center and tell them that you wish to donate your money to Halfway Home Pet Rescue dba Madawaska Lake Homeless Cats. This money is a great help to our program of providing top quality medical care to our helpless pets. It helps us to keep our bills paid. Thank you for helping us.

