



Heartland News



December 2017

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AT THE HEARTLAND!

It's been another great year at HPW. We were able to find fur-ever homes for over 80 cats, some of whom had been at the shelter for a long time. But, did you know that the cost of caring for a kitty from the time they come to us until they are ready for adoption is at least \$250? Those fees, which include vaccinations and spaying or neutering, are the basic costs to ensure that we are placing a healthy cat with an adoptive family. While the adoption fees don't cover the full cost of their care, it helps Heartland to offset some of it. This year alone, HPW has paid out more than \$10,000 in veterinary bills. Without our volunteers and donors, Heartland could not provide the services we do. Donations and membership dues from our supporters are the lifeblood of the shelter. Thank you to everyone that has contributed in one way or another. It is APPRECIATED! Happy Holidays to you and your families!



Do Your Kitties a Favor - Keep Them Inside

Did you know? On average, indoor cats live 15 years or more, while outdoor kitties live just 2 or 3 years.

What do your indoor cats miss?

- Getting hit by cars
- Being abused by cruel people
- Eating poisoned food
- Collecting fleas and ticks
- Being attacked, maybe killed by dogs
- Hunting and eating rats, birds, bunnies
- Contracting feline leukemia
- Getting lost
- Meeting rabid wildlife
- Being shot by BB guns, or worse
- Fighting with other cats
- Getting FIV (feline HIV)
- Getting worms and bringing them home
- Walking on pesticide treated lawns
- Eating garbage
- Crawling onto warm car engines
- Shivering in cold rain or snow, getting sick

By keeping your cat safe, you keep wildlife safe.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This month's volunteer is Jean Vincent. Jean has been with HPW since 2008. "Kay Cate was my awesome trainer and I miss the days when she would come for a visit before going to work. Penny (Kreusch) was my wonderful partner and would be here early to give meds and leave me great notes. I call this my therapy. My favorite cat is whichever one I am taking care of at the moment - they are all so precious to me. I am grateful for this wonderful shelter for kittens and cats." Thanks for all your hard work and dedication, Jean!

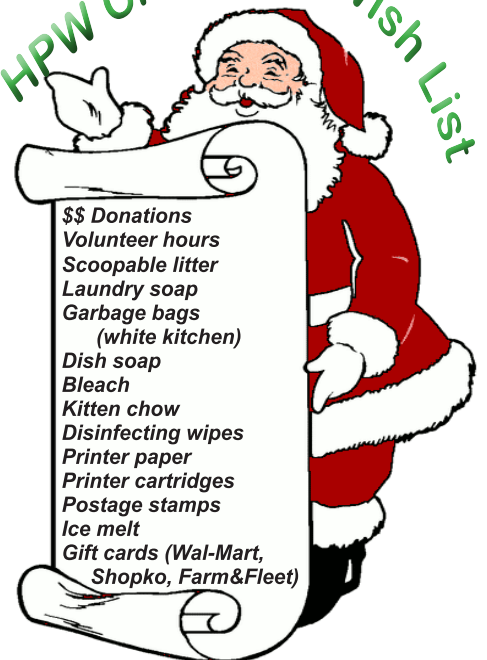


Remember that during this season of giving if you have enough ties, nightgowns or candy, remind your friends and family that a donation can be given to HPW in your name. This is a "purrfect" gift for the animal lover, and it is appreciated by our organization and all the "kids" staying at the shelter. It is even tax deductible!

We look forward to the coming year, and we wish all of you a happy, healthy 2018. It is because of the support that we receive from our friends and members that we are able to continue to help our cats and kittens. For all of you, we are eternally grateful.

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HPW Christmas Wish List



December is National Cat Lover's Month

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HOROSCOPE
Today is a good day to adopt a shelter cat.