



# Heartland News



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## OUR KITTIES ♥ YOUR SUPPORT!

### Volunteer Spotlight

Brenda Farm and Ken Sandy have been volunteers at the shelter for the past two years. Brenda gives nicknames to all the kitties and talks with them while cleaning

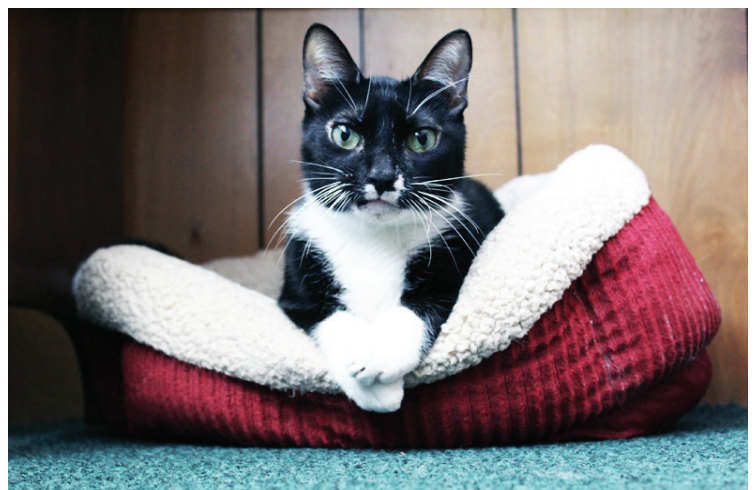


and caring for them. Ken is always available to lend a hand with anything around the shelter that needs attention. They don't just clean and care for the kitties but can be counted on to volunteer and help with fundraisers and adoption events. Their dependable volunteering is so important to the organization. Brenda and Ken are examples of why Heartland has been successful.

With the bitter cold weather recently experienced who would not rather stay home where it is warm and not fight the wind and snow? A big shout out to all of our volunteers at the shelter. Their love for the kitties and loyalty to Heartland had them shoveling and showing up to volunteer and care for our furry friends. What are they paid? Nothing. What is this worth?? Our volunteers are priceless.

### Happily Ever After

Little O'Malley had a rough start. As a kitten, he and his litter mates all came down with high fevers, and he was the sole survivor of the litter. Everyone at the shelter loved the special little guy, but thought he had neurological problems due to his strange behavior, and that he was unadoptable. He spent four years being passed over for 'normal' kitties, then one day Scott came to the shelter. "I wasn't really looking to adopt a cat, but he was just so sweet, and I thought it was so sad that no one wanted him. It wasn't love at first sight, but after a few visits I knew what I had to do." Once Scott adopted O'Malley and got him home his behavior changed dramatically. "He started to act just like a regular cat. He loves running and jumping around the house, and he's quite vocal. He's such a smart cat, he knows his name and comes when I call him. He even has his own special bed." When you go to adopt, don't overlook the 'different' ones. They need love and a good home too, and you may just get a big surprise.



*Editors note: If you adopted one of our sweet kitties, and would like to share their story, please email a photo and a paragraph or two to: [admin@heartlandpetwelfare.org](mailto:admin@heartlandpetwelfare.org).*

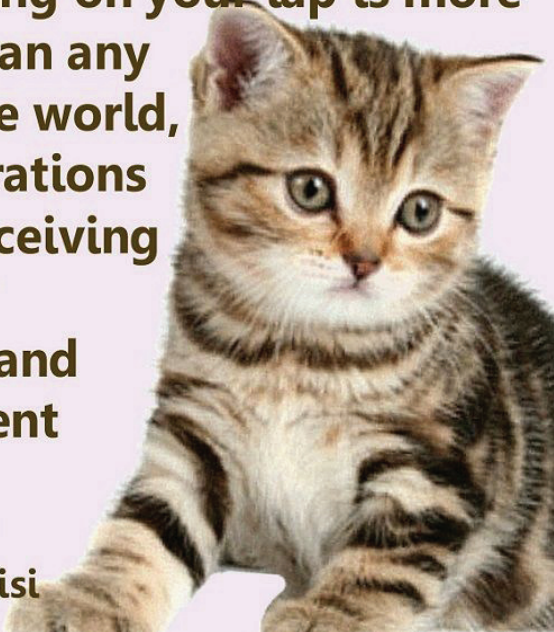
If you are not a follower on our Facebook page you may not be aware that Heartland has a GoFundMe page. The shelter is in need of repairs and replacement of items, and it is important that we raise money for these improvements.

The money raised to build the shelter only allowed a small building. Having outgrown the original building an addition was built to be used mainly for storage. We have tried to use part of the addition for an Isolation Room for incoming or sick cats. There is no heat or A/C in the addition, and during extreme weather cats can not be housed in isolation. One of the main items needed with GoFundMe money will be HVAC for the addition as well as new cages.

We are very thankful for our donors and friends for supporting us in the past, and we are hopeful the support will remain. We ask that you share our GoFundMe page with your friends and hopefully we will get the funds needed to upgrade our facility. The goal is to have a more comfortable building that can house more cats. After all, the more cats we can house, the more cats we can help.

While HPW was able for find forever homes for 95 cats and kittens in 2018, we had to turn away close to 300 homeless cats. This was due primarily to funding and lack of housing space.

a cat purring on your lap is more healing than any drug in the world, as the vibrations you are receiving are of pure love and contentment



St. Francis of Assisi

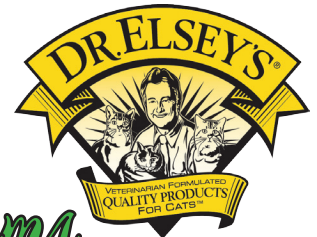


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