

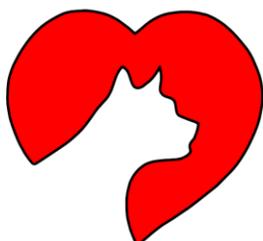
Happy Hearts Feline Rescue

Giving Cats and Kittens a Second Chance for a Loving Forever Home

2018 Statistics

Intakes: 87

Adoptions: 52



Note from the President

Hello everyone, I would like to thank everyone who attended or volunteered for our Halloween fundraiser last October and our joint Cinco de Mayo fundraiser with Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary this past May. All money, materials, and time donated by our supporters make this organization possible and give us the ability to feed, care for, and rehome so many kitties this year.

Upcoming Events

US-12 HERITAGE TRAIL GARAGE SALE

August 9 and 10, 2019

St James U.C.C.

11005 W Michigan Ave, Saline, MI 48176

HHFR will be selling fabulous summer food, drinks, and have a booth for the garage sale.

MEOW-LOWEEN FUNDRAISER

October 19, 2019

Time to be determined

UAW Local 1282

2795 S. M-52

Chelsea, MI 48118

Typically, much of our donated money goes towards medical bills to help take care of our shelter residents since we usually get a lot of cat food donated. This year, we are facing an additional challenge. The large amount of dry food that had been donated by the Walmart Distribution Center in Coldwater, MI has ended due to Walmart relocating the program. We are looking for ways to replace this source of food but have yet to find anything that can cover that need. We are currently working with Rescue Bank but that has proven to not be as constant as we were hoping.

As a result, we are also looking for fresh ideas for fundraising and other events. If you have any ideas or would like to help, we would love to hear from you. Thank you again for everything you do!

Phillip C. Johnson, President

Happy Hearts has adoption and other events at:

PetPeople®

3330 Washtenaw Ave

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

September 21 – Cat Adoptions

November 30 – Pet Pics with Santa 11a - 3p

December 7 – Pet Pics with Santa 11a - 3p

See our website or stop in at PetPeople for exact times.



Art by former PetPeople Employee Andy McQuillen

Cat Calendar

Here are some fun days throughout the year to celebrate the animals we love!

National Dress Up Your Pet Day – January 14	National Pet Fire Safety Day – July 15
National Cat Health & Dental Care Month – February	National Black Cat Appreciation Day – August 17
Respect Your Cat Day – March 28	National Pet Memorial Day – September 13
Hairball Awareness Day – April 28	National Feral Cat Day – October 16
International Hug Your Cat Day – May 30	National Senior Pet Month – November
Adopt A Cat Month – June	Cat Herder's Day – December 15

Dental Care for your Cat? It's a MUST!

We all know how painful a tooth ache is...but do you know your cat can have a tooth ache too?

Dental care of your cat's teeth is extremely important. Not only to make sure your feline friend doesn't suffer with a tooth ache, but, just as with humans, poor dental health leads to other significant health issues, such as liver, kidney or heart disease, not to mention periodontal disease and tooth resorption.

How do I know if my cat is having tooth pain?

Signs of dental distress may be pawing at the mouth or head shaking. They may chew with obvious discomfort, drop food from their mouth, swallow with difficulty or drool sometimes with blood! Halitosis or bad breath is often an indicator of poor dental health. Oral pain can account for finicky appetites or refusing food, which could result in weight loss.

The first sign of poor dental health is gingivitis, or inflammation of the gums, developing into periodontal disease. This can affect cats as early as 3 years of age! Severe dental disease can result in stomatitis, which is when the kitty becomes allergic to the plaque on their teeth. This is a very painful and difficult disease to treat and usually results in significant tooth extraction. All these dental diseases are painful for your feline friend, not to mention expensive to address.

So, what should I do?

As with most health issues, prevention is the best intervention. When you take your kitty in for its bi-annual checkup, your vet will do an oral examination. S/he will let you know if there are dental concerns at that time. In the meantime, you can do the following:

1. Brush your cat's teeth (yes, you read correctly). There are brushes and pet toothpastes for your kitty. NEVER use human toothpaste – it can be extremely toxic to your kitty.
2. Dental rinses or water additives can aid in plaque and tartar build ups. There is clinical evidence that these products aid in the reduction of plaque and tartar.

Dental care is nothing to take lightly. Please don't let your feline friend suffer with dental issues. Here's to Good Dental Health for you and your Feline Friend!



Kitties in Need of Dental Care at Happy Hearts Feline Rescue

Because we frequently accept older and neglected kitties at our Happy Hearts, many of our feline residents require dental care. This care can range from a basic cleaning to major extractions, root canals and jaw reconstruction. All this dental care is done under anesthesia and includes x-rays to ensure infections or other issues aren't lurking below the gum line. Antibiotics and pain medications are given to ensure a pain-free recovery.

If you would like to help support Happy Hearts in providing the necessary dental care to our residents, please donate to the kitty you wish to help or just donate to the cause. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Bandit – 7 years old
Cleaning with possible Extractions



Bella - 3 years old
Cleaning



Daffy - 16 years old
Severe Dental Disease



Fae - 5 years old
Cleaning with possible Extractions



Pookie - 10 years old
Cleaning with Possible Extractions



Siam - 6 years old
Severe Dental Disease

New Ways to Help Happy Hearts!!!

Rewards Program (through PetDesk) from Westarbor Animal Hospital

- If you go to Westarbor Animal Hospital, you can opt into their loyalty rewards program and earn points. These points can be used for varying things including making a donation to Happy Hearts!

Chewy.com's Shelter & Rescue Network

- Chewy.com will donate \$20 for each new customer purchase. Please go to <https://www.chewy.com/rp/9656> and shop. Also, feel free to tell your friends about this program!

If you have any questions or are looking for more ways to donate, we have this and more on our website

Stella the Cat Talks Luck

Stella the cat shares her musings on Maneki Neko cat figurines and good luck.

Michael Leaverton | <https://www.catster.com/lifestyle/stella-the-cat-talks-luck>

With that iconic upraised paw, Japanese Maneki Neko figurines promise to bring people good fortune — as long as you can get one in the door. I decided to ask my cat, Stella, about bringing one of the cat statues home.



<https://www.nipponboutique.com/>

Stella, I'm thinking of getting a Maneki Neko to put on the mantel. You know, for good luck.

What? I bring you good luck!

You do?

How else do you explain winning the lottery?

I've never won the lottery.

August of last year? Four million? You did that goofy dance in the parking lot?

That was four DOLLARS, Stella, on a scratcher.

No wonder we haven't moved. You did that goofy dance for four bucks?

I think you've only brought me bad luck, Stella.

Well, how about all the murderers I've kept from killing you?

Murderers are trying to kill me?

All the time! What do you think I look at outside all day?

I don't know. Birds?

Murderers! They're everywhere — driving their cars, walking their dogs, throwing their Frisbees. If it wasn't for me you'd be dead 10 times over.

I think you're exaggerating.

I've foiled the postal carrier alone dozens of times. That's good fortune right there, you still being alive at age 60.

I'm 35.

GET OUT. You need some good luck with the aging process.

I'll focus my energies. I think you bring me the opposite of good luck, Stella.

Oh, come on. You'd probably be married to Janet if it wasn't for me.

Please don't bring up Janet.

NOBODY PUTS STELLA IN THE HALLWAY.

Again, pretty sure you only bring bad luck.

How about all the disasters I've saved you from?

Remember the great earthquake in San Francisco?

That was in 1906. And we live in San Diego.

The great fire?

Chicago, 1871.

Isn't your sister from Chicago? I probably saved her.

I don't have a sister.

Surely I must have saved you from some calamity.

You've never been in a plane crash, for example.

Come to think of it, you did make me miss more than a few flights.

See! You're lucky no catsitters will work with us.

Who knows what would've happened to you in — where were you trying to go again? Hawaii?

Yes. Sigh.

Anyway, I have proof I'm good luck. Remember when I vomited on the living room rug yesterday?

You said, and I quote, "Must be my lucky day."

I was being sarcastic.

Oh. Better not look at your pillow then. I had good luck all over it.

Stella!

Sarcasm doesn't play well with apex predators.

Common Misconceptions About FIV Cats

FIV—Feline Immunodeficiency Virus—was first discovered in 1986. FIV weakens a cat's immune system which means that a cat with FIV is more prone to getting infections such as upper respiratory infections, ringworm, and dental disease than a cat. There are many misconceptions surrounding FIV cats that we hope to educate everyone about. We've summarized some misconceptions about FIV from the article "Cats & FIV: Dispelling the misconceptions and finding these deserving cats homes by Tracey Tong" published at <https://moderncat.com/articles/cats-fiv/>

- MISCONCEPTION:** An FIV-positive cat should not come into contact with FIV-negative cats.
TRUTH: FIV is not as easily spread as once believed. The most common route of infection is a deep bite wound from an FIV-positive cat to another cat. FIV-positive cats can live with FIV-negative cats, as long as they don't show signs of aggression.
- MISCONCEPTION:** A mother cat with FIV will always have kittens with FIV.
TRUTH: FIV antibodies can be transferred from an infected mother to her kittens who may test positive. However, once the antibodies have cleared the kitten's system (~6 months), they should be retested to see if they are still infected.
- MISCONCEPTION:** FIV is a death sentence for cats.
TRUTH: While vets used to recommend euthanasia for FIV-positive cats and some shelters used to routinely euthanize all cats that tested positive for FIV antibodies, it is *NOW* known that many cats can live long and healthy lives with FIV.
- MISCONCEPTION:** FIV and feline leukemia are the same/similar illness.
TRUTH: These are NOT the same illness. FIV is so slow to progress that many FIV-positive cats die of old age.
- MISCONCEPTION:** FIV cats are a medical burden.
TRUTH: While there is no specific antiviral treatment for FIV, treatment focuses on either extending the period without symptoms or easing the secondary effects of the virus. Although a veterinarian may prescribe treatments, cats that are FIV-positive don't require special care other than the owner needing to watch them more closely if they have a cold. They can have a good quality of life, you just have to treat illnesses as they arise.

"FIV positive cats are not the highest maintenance cats out there by far," says Jenn Corsun, the manager of Cat World at the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah. "FIV-positive cats do not require more care than non-FIV-positive cats."



From: <http://joyreactor.com/post/1793228>

Cats with FIV at Happy Hearts Feline Rescue

If FIV-positive cats are gentle with other cats, their potential homes are limitless (with a proper (nice and slow) introduction. At minimum, they can be adopted to live as single cats in a home, or to live with other FIV cats. Most of all, there is no need for an FIV-positive cat to remain in a shelter. We encourage people to give a second look to an FIV-positive cat. Just because a cat is FIV-positive shouldn't deter them.

Happy Hearts Feline Rescue has two very loving FIV-positive cats looking for homes and living in the community cat rooms with other FIV-negative cats.



Jelly Bean – 6 years old

Jelly Bean was surrendered to Happy Hearts when his owner was moved into an assisted living. Jelly Bean is super friendly loving and playful.



Felix – 9 years old

Felix was rescued from a small hobby farm with 30 other cats. He may have been abused as he reacts if you grab him by the nape of the neck. When you approach him properly, Felix is super

Both Jelly Bean and Felix are amazingly healthy. As we mentioned on the previous page, cats with FIV have weakened immune systems but can be healthy. Felix and Jelly Bean are looking for their fur-ever homes.

How to Volunteer with Happy Hearts Feline Rescue

Donate your Time (Contact Jeanne Spencer at (734) 545-2906)

- Shelter Cleaning/Cat Socializing: We ask for a 2-hour commitment at the shelter split between cleaning and socializing our shelter residents. We are especially looking for volunteers during the weekdays.
- Foster: With kitten time here, we are always looking for fosters to help us help more cats/kittens.
- Help with Events: We are always looking for volunteer with events...from set-up/tear down, selling raffle tickets, general assistance during events, etc. Please see our events list on the first page or on

Happy Hearts Helping Harley

Harley, a sweet, one-year old orange tabby, came to Happy Hearts Feline Rescue on Monday, May 20, 2019. Harley had taken up residence in the Jackson County Water Treatment facility in Autumn of 2018 and was cared for by the night staff of the facility. In the Spring of 2019, the Facility Manager said that Harley "had to go" and that the night staff should find him a new home, "or else"! Happy Hearts decided to take in Harley.



When Harley arrived, it was clear that he was not feeling well. A visit to the vet the next day determined that Harley had a bacterial infection of his kidneys. A treatment plan of subcutaneous (injected under the skin) fluids and antibiotics was prescribed with a recheck in a week. The recheck showed no improvement and Harley was taken to the Emergency Animal Hospital for more intensive treatment. Harley has been diagnosed with Acute Kidney Disease. There is no cure for Kidney Disease, but it can be managed. Happy Hearts is dedicated to care and love Harley for the rest of his days.



Harley's stay in the Emergency Animal Hospital cost just under \$2,000. If there is any way you can help Happy Hearts cover this expense, we would be very grateful. We have raised ~\$1,350 through GoFundMe and several other donations to help cover Harley's Emergency Hospital stay but we are always looking for donations to cover this stay and his future care at Happy Hearts.



Two Cat Comics from <https://www.catsuthecat.com/>

Happy Tails – Yellow

In January 2018, our board member Denise and her mother were feeding an orange cat who had obviously been dumped out in the country north of our shelter. Denise was able to pick up and bring this kitty into our shelter. He was named Yellow by Jeanne when he came into the shelter.

During one of our spring Pet People adoption events, we brought Yellow to socialize with people and hopefully adopted. However, as with many of our cats, Yellow was uncertain of this new place (PetPeople) and these new people and decided to hide in the corner. Phil (our President) decided that he didn't want Yellow to hide and decided to socialize him.

After multiple events, Yellow always seemed very uncertain at PetPeople but always wanted to sit with Phil and purred his head off whenever he was with him. After a few months of Yellow being in the shelter, Phil decided to go ahead and adopt him... uncertain how Yellow would get along with his two other cats, Felix and Nermal.

Upon bringing him home and introducing Yellow to the other cats, the other cats would hiss and Yellow would just turn and walk away from them... leaving them confused. After a week of this, all three cats were laying on Phil's lap. Phil said that every morning Yellow hears the footrest on the couch go up and comes running to sit with Phil as he watches the news. His great little buddy!



Contact Us!!!

Email: happyheartsfelinerescue@gmail.com
Website: www.happyheartsfelinerescue.org
PetFinder: hhfr.petfinder.com
Facebook: happyheartsfelinerescue
Twitter: @HappyHeartsFR



Former HHFR Blind Resident, Ollie (left), and his new blind buddy in their new forever home. Thanks to the Kies Family!!

Shelter Location

10905 E. Pleasant Lake Rd.
Manchester, MI 48158

Board Members

Phillip Johnson
Christopher Barr
Jeanne Spencer
Denise Wirtz

Shelter Hours

Fridays 11A to 2P
Saturdays 11A to 2P
Sundays 1P to 4P
Or by Appointment



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- A specific cat Name _____

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Saline, MI 48176