

Summer 2018

# The Yowler

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## HULL Seaside ANIMAL RESCUE

501(c)(3) Non-profit

No-kill Shelter

### A Message from the President

It's hard to believe we are beyond the halfway point of 2018. Summer has arrived, and kitten season is in full swing. Several litters of sweet and playful kittens have arrived and been quickly adopted. In fact, so far this year we have adopted out 75 cats and kittens to wonderful forever homes.

However, we also have spent almost \$16,000 on veterinary bills, which is even more than what we spent by this time last year. And 2017 was a record year for our veterinary costs! Everyone who has a beloved pet knows that caring for our furry friends is expensive. The good news is that the advances in health care for animals means that we can keep them healthier and happier. Unfortunately, for a cat shelter which accepts many cats with no medical history, the vet costs add up. Each time we open our hearts to a needy cat, we accept the responsibility of providing for that kitty's needs.

Before being adopted out, all our cats are seen by a veterinarian. They receive rabies and distemper shots, are tested for typical feline diseases, and given flea treatments. Some cats, though, have more medical needs. Pearl, for example, is an elderly cat who has a thyroid condition and will need medicine for the rest of her life. Both Sally and Mike were cats who had severe dental disease, so they each had to have several teeth removed. JoJo, an adorable tuxedo kitten, had a badly malformed leg because the umbilical cord wrapped around his foot, limiting the blood supply it received. JoJo's foot is healing nicely now after surgery, so he is no longer facing the possibility of amputation.

Sadly, sometimes we care for cats in their last days as well. Avery was the most adorable young cat who captured our hearts as soon as he arrived. However, he soon showed signs of serious illness. After a week of hospitalization and intensive care, Avery did not make it. While his story ends sadly, at HSAR we take comfort in knowing that this sweet kitty did not die alone on the streets. Instead, he was given love and attention as well as the medical care necessary to mitigate his suffering at the end.



JoJo



Kim & JoJo

These kitties and dozens more like them all deserve the same kind of medical care we give our own cats. Thank you for continuing to donate to HSAR and for supporting our events to help defray these rising medical costs. Our June yard sale earned over \$3,000, which didn't quite cover May's vet bills. The 2019 Kittendales Calendar is in the works and our Halloween party is in the planning stages. Please continue to support us so that we can all help needy cats to live happy and healthy lives.

Peace,  
Maura Norton, HSAR President

Fall Yard Sale  
Saturday, September 22nd  
(rain date Sept. 23rd)  
9 am - 3 pm  
487 Nantasket Ave, Hull



save  
the  
dates



Annual Halloween Party  
Saturday, October 27th  
at The Red Parrot  
8 pm - Midnight  
*It's a scary good time!*



# Do Cats Grieve?

Cats grieve a loss in ways very similar to humans. When a cat loses an animal companion or a human one, they, like humans, need time to grieve and to readjust to life without that loved one. Cats grieve in many different ways...but it *is* grief. They may stay hidden in small places and isolate; they might not eat for many days, they might sleep excessively, or they may act out with aggressive behavior.



Recently, we have taken in cats at the shelter who have lost their home due to a move, a sick human who can no longer care for her/his feline companion, or more devastating, the death of an owner. It can be difficult for any cat to adjust to shelter life, but grieving cats will typically need even more time and special attention to acclimate.

Phoebe, for example, came to HSAR after her owner passed away. She acted aggressively until she was placed in a foster home. With the love and attention of her foster mom, Phoebe is now showing signs of trust. Lana lost her home and arrived frightened. The grief she felt from losing the home she knew resulted in her sleeping excessively, avoiding contact with cats and humans.

At the shelter we have many dedicated volunteers who spend extra time with these cats. They talk to these grieving felines, who might just need a little time to readjust. Sometimes a few minutes of head scratching will help build the trust a cat needs during a difficult transition. And, of course, play time is important for cats to work through the loss of what they've known in order to build trust again with someone else.

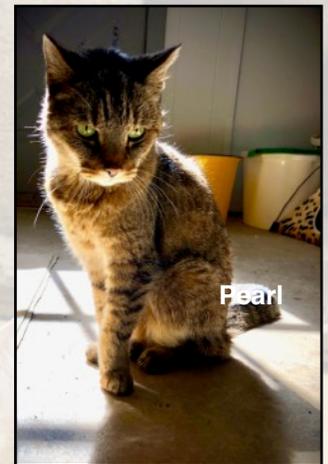
Keep your heart open to these kitties who long for a new home. With a patient and caring soul, these felines can become wonderful companions again.

By Joanne Berman

Meet Cali, a beautiful long haired calico. She is 4 years old and is hard to miss with her striking colors and luxurious long coat. This little lady is so sweet and gentle and loves company. She is FIV Positive and is ready for her long and healthy life in her new forever home. This means she needs to be the queen of the house as an only cat.



Pearl is a sweet senior, cream and gray tabby who would love your attention. She is an independent girl with a wonderful spirit. Pearl is a volunteer favorite who greets us at the door and follows us around at the shelter. She would be a perfect fit for someone who would like a buddy to keep them company but who isn't necessarily looking for a lap cat.



June's Spring Yard Sale Fundraiser  
Chris and Judy

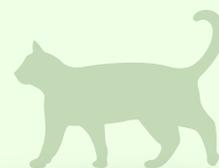


April's HSAR Volunteer  
Appreciation Party  
Michella, Cindy and Jamie

## Our Beautiful Home and Gardens



It's the love of volunteers that make this shelter a home. Tyler Casey devotes countless hours tending to the beautiful gardens in front of the shelter. Her floral designs include just the right shrubs and flowers to beckon warmly to all those who pass by.



## Making a Cat Friendly Environment

### Tips for a cat friendly and creative indoor space:



- Cats love to play. Have several toys to entice your feline friend to frolic and stay entertained
- They also like to be high up, so provide the space to climb with a cat tree or condo.
- Provide a scratching post for good nail health and stretching...scratching is a natural cat behavior.
- Cats sleep much of the day so its important to have several cat beds for them to sleep and to have some personal alone time!

With these few tips your cat will be healthier and happier!



### Yes, I want to donate to HSAR.

Please complete the form below and enclose your tax-deductible check or money order.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

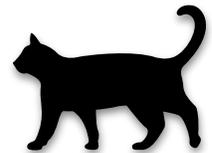
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### Open Hours:

Monday 6:30-7:30 pm

Saturday 2:00-3:00 pm

Hull Cat Caps and T-shirts  
are available at the shelter  
and on our website:  
[www.hsar.org](http://www.hsar.org)

Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax exempt organization which rescues and places homeless cats and assists in the care and control of the local feral cat population of Hull and surrounding towns. We are a no-kill cat shelter, founded in 1999 by a handful of concerned citizens that understood the need to establish an animal rescue and shelter program. We have grown over the years and now boast over 75 volunteers with a part-time paid shelter manager. The shelter exists solely on donations, fundraising events, grants, and bottle/can collection and redemption.



**Recycle your returnable cans and bottles with HSAR. These funds add up, one nickel at a time, and contribute to the day to day care of our residents.**