



*Best wishes for the holiday season and
New Year from all of our cats and
volunteers!*

December 2018

What is Hope for Cats?

Hope for Cats is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, wholly volunteer organization. We have NO paid employees and all donations go directly to the care of our residents and foster cats. Hope for Cats operates Jake's Place - a cage free, no-kill shelter and adoption center. There is no limit to the length of time a cat can stay at Jake's Place. Admissions are limited only to control overcrowding. Hope for Cats receives no federal or state funding and is wholly dependent upon fundraising activities, foundation grants, and private donations to support its work. All of our cats are special, and we strive to provide excellent veterinary care and a home-like environment for each of them.

Birch and Crocus: These are 9-year-old siblings whose owner has an illness which prevents him from continuing to care for them. Their veterinarian contacted one of our volunteers, and now we have these two healthy, friendly cats. Their owner, who lives on the far east side of Buffalo, took great



care of them, although he had to take the bus for their vet visits. Birch (solid grey male) does take ¼ of a small pill each day for a heart murmur, and he is a very good pill taker. His sister, Crocus, and he would welcome a new home where they can stay together.



Kensington Expressway Kittens: You may have seen this story in the Buffalo News or on area TV stations. Near midnight in early July, two men heard a “thump” when they were near a Kensington Expressway overpass near downtown Buffalo. They investigated and found a plastic tote which had been tossed to the pavement and still contained two small kittens. They phoned the Buffalo police and one of the BPD officers phoned one of our volunteers, who had just gotten home from work. Our volunteer dropped everything late that night and collected the kittens. A couple of days later, a third kitten appeared and was also taken in by our volunteer.

Fortunately, none of the kittens were injured in this fall and all three, named Salem, Storm and Vlad, are enjoying their new home with our volunteer's family.



Volunteer Opportunities: We can always use volunteers to help at our small shelter. We ask only that you commit to volunteering once per week between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm on the day you choose. You can sign up to feed, clean, scoop litter, or do health checks and give medications to any cats who are on meds. Even one hour per week will be a great help. If you have fundraising ideas, we can always use funds to help with our veterinary expenses. There is a volunteer form which you can submit online (www.hopeforcatsinc.org), or you can contact Karen at 716.352.0439 or leave a message on our phone 716.997.8106.

*Please join us and help us continue
to help the homeless cats!!*

Your donation will help us continue to provide shelter and care for cats in need. All of our cats are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and treated for internal and external parasites. Ongoing veterinary care is provided, including specialized diagnostics and treatments for cats requiring it.

Please donate online through PayPal by going to our website (www.hopeforcatsinc.org) and clicking on the “DONATE” button, or mail your donation to Hope for Cats, Inc., P.O. Box 243, North Boston, NY 14110.

Other ways to help:

United Way: Please specify Hope for Cats in your United Way donation. 100% of your donation will go to Hope for Cats, with no administration fee deducted from your gift.

CFC and SEFA: Federal and NY State employees can designate Hope for Cats to receive campaign donations.

Amazon Smile & iGive: When you shop online and designate Hope for Cats, Inc. as your charity, we receive a percentage of your purchase.

Hope for Cats, Inc. is a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your donation may be tax deductible for federal and state income tax purposes.

Annual Report 2017

Expenses:	Total:	\$66,029
Veterinary Expense & Supplies	\$39,565	60.0%
Supplies: food, litter, cleaning, etc.	\$14,457	21.9%
Shelter rent, utilities, facilities:	\$9,154	13.8%
Other*	\$1,097	1.7%
Telephone, postage, printing	\$1,756	2.6%
Sources of Support:	Total:	\$72,590
Contributions, gifts, grants	\$65,829	96.1%
Miscellaneous: net income	\$942	1.4%
Adoption fees	\$1,562	2.3%
Other	\$165	0.2%

*Other - office supplies, filing fees, cat beds, toys, misc

Shelter Statistics:

Cats Surrendered: 60
Cats Adopted: 45

Volunteer Statistics:

Average number of Volunteers: 30
Annual Volunteer hours: 4,000

Commentary:

As an all-volunteer organization, our administrative costs are very low, allowing 98% to 99% of our revenue each year to be expended in direct support of our cats. We value our ongoing relationship with the Tabby Town adoption center in the McKinley Mall, as well as the contributions of time, treasure, and expertise provided by our volunteers, individual and business supporters, and veterinary clinics.

Schroeder: Schroeder is a BIG handsome boy who was found as a stray in North Buffalo. He was already neutered and was also microchipped. The microchip company told us his name and his owner. His owner, shockingly, was not interested in having Schroeder returned, so, he was made available for adoption at Tabby Town, and found a new home, where he proudly wears his new name, Tank.



Our Supporters: In addition to our many individual volunteers and supporters, we wish to thank the veterinarians and businesses that help us. Please check our website for a complete list, and thanks to **Buffalo Web Services, LLC** for designing and hosting our website. **Nestlé-Purina:** Special thanks for dry food donations and helpful warehouse staff!

Hope for Cats, Inc. is a New York State Registered Shelter/Rescue. Registration No.: RR272

Yoda and Padawan: These are 9-year-old brothers were surrendered when their owner lost her home. She also had a dog and found an apartment which allowed two pets. She did not want to separate Yoda and Padawan, who had been together for their entire lives,



so they came to Hope for Cats. They were recently adopted together and are enjoying their new home. Looks like Padawan (the grey cat) has even managed to leap atop cabinets in order to survey his domain.



Special thanks to the following organizations:

- The Helen Dent Lenahan Foundation
- The Baird Foundation
- The Takats Foundation

Thanks to the **NY Institute of Massage** for sponsoring events to benefit Hope for Cats, and to the staff for volunteering time and efforts.



Please join us at **St. Andrew's School (111 Crocker St., Sloan, NY 14212)** on **Sunday, December 9th** from **11am – 4pm** for a **Craft & Vendor show with a Basket Raffle** benefitting **Hope for Cats!** Special thanks to Lindsay LaMacchia-Kless and Jean Yetto for organizing this event!

Top 10 toxins for cats:

- Lilies
- Household cleaners
- Flea and tick spot-on products for dogs
- Antidepressants
- NSAIDs (such as ibuprofen and naproxen)
- Prescription ADD/ADHD medications
- Over-the-counter cough, cold and allergy medications
- Plants containing insoluble calcium oxalate crystals (such as peace lily, philodendron and pothos)
- Household insecticides
- Glow sticks and glow jewelry

This is a partial list. Much more can be found on websites such as www.aspc.org and www.humanesociety.org.

Emergencies:

ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center (24/7):
1-888-426-4435
