



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

**December 2019**

### **What is Hope for Cats?**

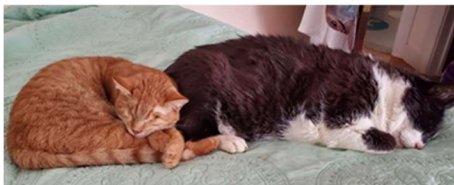
Hope for Cats is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, wholly volunteer organization. We have NO paid employees and all donations go directly to the care of our residents and foster cats. Hope for Cats operates Jake's Place - a cage free, no-kill shelter and adoption center. There is no limit to the length of time 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.

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**Sonny:** In late June an Albion resident found an injured stray cat who had a wound on his face and appeared to be blind and deaf. She contacted Hope for Cats and surrendered Sonny to us. After a visit to a veterinarian, he received medication for his wound, surgery for one eye condition, and he was neutered and vaccinated. We made an appointment with a veterinary eye specialist who confirmed that he had no vision in either eye,



and recommended removal of his right eye, which was visibly damaged, in order to avoid possible later development of a malignant sarcoma which can develop in cats with lens damage. During this surgery 8 birdshot pellets were recovered from Sonny's right eye, and a skull x-ray found 28 more pellets lodged throughout his face and head. So, we received the shocking news that Sonny's facial wound, his blindness, and probably his deafness, were caused by an intentional act of cruelty toward this perfectly friendly young cat. Based on the pellets visible in the skull x-ray, the veterinarian advised removal of his left eye also, again to prevent future malignancy. This surgery was performed, during which the veterinarian did confirm that 2 more of the pellets were lodged in his left eye. Sonny recovered from this surgery and he is amazing, in that he remains friendly, curious, affectionate, loves catnip toys and has no problem finding his litterbox, food and water. It is incomprehensible that someone could look this handsome guy in the face and shoot him. However, Sonny now has a permanent home where he is safe and loved and getting along fine with his 2



new feline housemates, and getting lots of attention from his new guardian, a long-time Hope for Cats supporter. The photos above show Sonny enjoying his new home and sleeping with his new buddy, Sylvester.

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**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](http://www.hopeforcatsinc.org)), or you can contact Karen at 716.352.0439 or leave a message on our phone 716.997.8106.

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

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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](http://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.*

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## **Annual Report 2018**

<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$71,990</b>
Veterinary Expense & Supplies	\$50,121	69.6%
Supplies: food, litter, cleaning, etc.	\$13,295	18.5%
Shelter rent, utilities, facilities:	\$6,044	8.4%
Other*	\$1,353	1.9%
Telephone, postage, printing	\$1,177	1.6%
<b>Sources of Support:</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$80,875</b>
Contributions, gifts, grants	\$74,791	92.5%
Miscellaneous: net income**	\$4,101	5.1%
Adoption fees	\$1,983	2.4%

\*Other - office supplies, filing fees, cat beds, toys, misc  
\*\*Miscellaneous: net income - fundraising

### **Shelter Statistics:**

Cats Surrendered: 55  
Cats Adopted: 56

### **Volunteer Statistics:**

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

### **Commentary:**

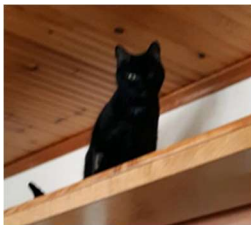
As an all-volunteer organization, our administrative costs are very low, allowing 98% to 99% of our revenue each year to be expended in direct support of our cats. We value our ongoing relationship with the Tabby Town adoption center in the McKinley Mall, as well as the contributions of time, treasure,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

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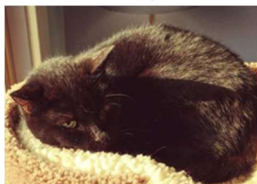
**Our Supporters:** In addition to our many individual volunteers and supporters, we wish to thank the veterinarians and businesses that help us. Please check our website for a complete list, and thanks to **Buffalo Web Services, LLC** for designing and hosting our website. **Nestlé-Purina:** Special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

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**Daisy:** Daisy came to us from a hoarding situation in 2010. In concert with the SPCA Serving Erie County, which was already involved with the homeowner, we took in three cats whom the SPCA had trapped in this house, including Daisy. Daisy was very timid and typically enjoyed one of the higher perches at Jake's Place, our shelter. She developed a corneal ulcer in her left eye, which



necessitated the removal of that eye. Daisy is now in a new home, where she enjoys much love and attention, as well as her favorite new cat tower and the great catwalks. She is part of the family and has integrated well into her new home.



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**Boo Boo:** Boo Boo was a kitten weighing less than 1 pound when found in the city of Lockport, NY with no sign of a mom or siblings. The photos show Boo Boo in her foster home and in her new home. Boo Boo's new guardian says that she is growing like a weed, has a great time with her canine buddy and is a part of the family.



**Boo Boo being mentored by formerly feral cat Coal, a neutered male who loves kittens.**



**Boo Boo in her new home with her new buddy.**

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

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### **Special thanks to the following organizations:**

- The Helen Dent Lenahan Foundation
- The Baird Foundation
- The Takats Foundation
- BISSELL Pet 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.



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**Dave:** Dave began showing up at the house of an HFC volunteer in the Spring, where he would chase the birds and squirrels. He was scrawny and had patchy fur and was obviously a stray. The volunteer began putting food out for him and the plan was formed to live trap him. That was successfully done. He was initially isolated in the barn of a second HFC volunteer before he was taken to be neutered, vaccinated, dewormed and given a topical to kill fleas and lice (which was likely the cause of his patchy fur). It was estimated that Dave is 1-2 years old. It was then decided to try to socialize Dave. So far, that is going well. While still a little skittish around people, he can be petted and particularly likes chin scratches. He gets along well with the other cats at his new home. His only bad trait is that he likes to chirp, singing the song of his people, typically anywhere from midnight to 3 a.m. But then Dave is a cat.

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