



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

December 2022

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.

We are grateful for a bequest: We were presented with a bequest of \$4000 from the estate of Michael Stuart, by Bryan Marshall, the Executor. Bryan is a long-time Hope for Cats supporter and has also adopted Sonny and Bindu,

two handsome (and visually impaired) cats, who benefit from a great home and lots of love. Bryan supports using these funds for our cats' veterinary expenses and we are grateful to Bryan and the late Mr. Stuart for including Hope for Cats.



Simba: Simba was surrendered to Adoring Pets Veterinary Health Center because his owner could not afford treatment for a urinary tract blockage. The clinic provided excellent treatment and when they could not find a new home for him, they phoned Hope for Cats. One of our foster homes took him in, gave him his special urinary diet, but he blocked again and was hospitalized for several days. Due to the repeat blockages, it was determined that "PU"

(perineal urethrostomy) surgery was needed to avoid future (painful and possible life-threatening) blockages. This surgery removes the narrowest part of the urethra, providing a shorter and wider path for urine to leave the body to lessen the chance of future obstructions. He was adopted by a friend of the family who originally



owned him, and he is providing Simba with a loving home and his special diet! He is pictured here relaxing in his new home.

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. There is a volunteer form which you can submit online (www.hopeforcatsinc.org), or you can 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 and 95% of your donation will go to Hope for Cats. United Way Book #: 5176.

***Note:** the local United Way appears to have removed animal welfare charities from its "Donor Choice" List, which they state is "discretionary and subject to change". However, rest assured that we recertify every year and are able to receive your donations.

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. NYS Rescue Registry #RR272.

Annual Report 2021

Expenses:	Total:	\$73,927
Veterinary Expense & Supplies	\$49,085	66.4%
Supplies: food, litter, cleaning, etc.	\$14,561	19.7%
Shelter rent, utilities, facilities	\$6,953	9.4%
Telephone, postage, printing	\$1,448	2.0%
Other*	\$1,408	2.3%

Sources of Support:	Total:	\$76,068
Contributions, gifts, grants	\$72,502	95.3%
Miscellaneous: net income**	\$1,633	2.2%
Program Services (Adoptions)	\$1,933	2.5%

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

**Miscellaneous: net income - fundraising

Shelter and Volunteer Statistics:

Cats Surrendered: 65
Cats Adopted: 74
(includes Returned to Owner, Transferred, Adopted)
Average number of Volunteers: 30
Annual Volunteer hours: 4,000

Our Supporters: We are grateful to our volunteers, donors, and veterinarians. We also recognize the following organizations and businesses:

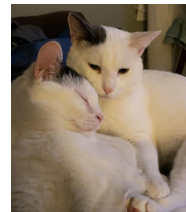
- Tabby Town Adoption Center
- The Helen Dent Lenahan Foundation
- The Baird Foundation
- The Takats Foundation
- BISSELL Pet Foundation
- William Mattar Law Offices
- Harris Beach PLLC
- NY Institute of Massage
- Buffalo Web Services, LLC
- Nestle Purina

Give 716: The Buffalo Bills and Sabres organized & sponsored the second annual event to benefit local WNY charities. Many individuals (Sean and Jamie McDermott, Josh Allen, Rick Jeanneret), businesses (Dave & Adam's, KeyBank, M&T Bank, Highmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Wegmans, Delaware North) and the Bills and Sabres Foundations were sponsors and offered matching grants or items during certain hours. This was a great opportunity for local charities; it was very well organized and supported; and it was a successful fundraiser for Hope for Cats.

Rose: Was found as a tiny kitten alone on a bike path - no sign of mom or other kittens. She was fostered by one of our volunteers until she was old enough to be spayed and here she is loving life in her new home.



Trixie (formerly Smarts) and Mini Me: These two cats were taken in by a business on busy Broadway in Lancaster. Since they were microchipped, we were able to track their former owner. He had been moving and left his cats in the care of someone, who let them outside. He decided not to take them back and the organization that originally housed them agreed to Hope for Cats assuming the care of the pair. It is remarkable that the two cats stayed together even when they were left outdoors, so, of course we had to be sure that they were adopted together. Here they are enjoying their new home.



Casper and Frost: These two lived on Elk St. in Buffalo until their owner realized that he could no longer care for them. The bonded brothers were adopted together and are enjoying their new abode.

Scotch and Bandy: These boys are 2 of the 11 cats whom we took in from a location in Irving. They were obviously bonded and fortunately found a great home where they could stay together, shown here:



Archie (formerly Maury): He was surrendered as a stray from North Tonawanda. After a while, he developed a urinary tract blockage, caused by bladder stones. Our veterinarian suggested trying a urinary diet first to see if stones would dissolve. However, a stone migrated and blocked him again, so he had surgery to remove the bladder stones. A family who had previously taken in one of our cats fostered Maury (re-named Archie) and then adopted him, understanding that he would need to stay on his special diet. Here he is, enjoying his new home.

