



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

**December 2023**

### **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.

**Speedy:** Speedy is a 13-year-old cat whose owner died. A relative chose to take perfectly healthy Speedy to be euthanized. Fortunately, the staff at Adoring Pets Veterinary clinic refused this request and contacted us. Speedy was adopted by one of our Board members and now enjoys birdwatching and other pursuits.



**Give 716:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Give 716 event was organized by the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres Foundations in July to benefit local charities. The Foundations, along with several local businesses and individuals, offered matching grants or items. The event was very well organized, and it was a successful fundraiser for Hope for Cats, with proceeds supporting our cats' veterinary care.

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

### **The 2 Gracies:**

Gracie #1 was surrendered when her owner moved to New York City. She was found to have a heart murmur that required daily medication - and she is a very good pill-taker! She found a great home, where she won their hearts. Here she is posing at Tabby Town.



The owner of Gracie #2 passed away. She had to get used to being at the shelter and then at Tabby Town. With patience, she found a new home and is thoroughly enjoying her new realm.



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 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.

**iGive; Amazon Wishlist:** Please visit [hopeforcatsinc.org](http://hopeforcatsinc.org) and click the "How to Help" section for more information.

*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.*

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

**We are grateful for a bequest:** We received \$5,000 from the Arthur Wilk Revocable Trust, a generous bequest which we will use for the veterinary expenses of our cats.

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## Annual Report 2022

<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$69,294</b>
Veterinary Expense & Supplies	\$43,928	64.4%
Supplies: food, litter, cleaning, etc.	\$14,524	21.0%
Shelter rent, utilities, facilities	\$7,492	10.8%
Telephone, postage, printing	\$1,420	2.0%
Other*	\$1,930	2.8%

<b>Sources of Support:</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$100,876</b>
Contributions, gifts, grants	\$98,031	97.2%
Miscellaneous items	\$530	0.5%
Program Services (Adoptions)	\$2,315	2.3%

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

### **Shelter and Volunteer Statistics:**

Cats Surrendered: 60  
Cats Adopted: 72  
(includes Returned to Owner, Transferred, Adopted)  
Average number of Volunteers: 25  
Annual Volunteer hours: 4,000

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**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

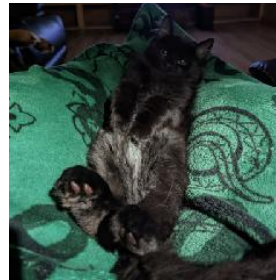
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**Chimmy and Pretzel:** Chimmy was found as a stray on the East Side of Buffalo and Pretzel was found in Lackawanna. Both are FIV positive, and both had wounds from their time on the streets. The two boys bonded immediately and were adopted together. The photos show them together at Tabby Town prior to adoption, and then in their new home.



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**The Wheatfield Family:** Six very young kittens were found under a fireplace overhang 3 days before the house sale was to close, so it was urgent to relocate them. Their mom had to be trapped as well. Mom and the kittens went to a foster home until they could receive veterinary care, including spaying or neutering. All 6 kittens were socialized and adopted. Mom (Shawnee) decided that she would prefer to retain her mostly feral personality, so, thanks to Feral Cat Focus, she found a great barn home. Here are photos of some of the kittens and mom in new homes (and a photo of the kittens when they were first found).



Alvin



Boop and Friend



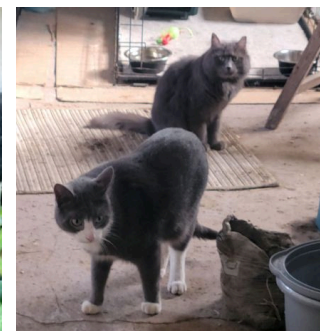
Jason & Theodore



Betty (Gracie)



Kittens huddled in a bowl crafted by Mom awaiting her return.



Shawnee (rear) with new pal.

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**THC/Cannabis:** Veterinary clinics are reporting an increase of pets admitted with symptoms of THC ingestion. Please treat THC products as you would any other drug and keep out of the reach of your pets.

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