



## Kindness Is Like A Boomerang, It Always Returns



Tony Ilacqua BBQ Fundraiser

**“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”** This sentiment, attributed to Aesop more than 2,000 years ago, rings true even today. Here at SCAR, each day is filled with countless acts of kindness from our many friends and supporters. Volunteers are the essence of SCAR. We could not exist without their energy, commitment and caring; and the region’s abandoned, abused and unwanted cats and kittens might never get **“a second chance”**.

Have you ever thought about becoming a SCAR volunteer? Perhaps you think you don’t have the right skills or enough time? Every volunteer chooses how much time they spend, whether it’s a couple of hours to cover one cleaning shift a month or a couple of regular shifts each week, and the skills needed are taught on the job.



White Mountain School students and faculty worked hard at the shelter

New volunteers are warmly welcomed by both current volunteers and (of course) our many feline ambassadors, who are always waiting for a snuggle and a chin scratch!

Did you know that volunteers also experience many benefits from their work? According to a study from Harvard University volunteers have reported reduced stress, have made new friends, feel less depression and isolation,



Cat care in the shelter



Littleton Farmers Market



Many volunteers are needed for our clinics

more sense of purpose and self-worth, and more self-confidence.

When you join the SCAR volunteer team, you’ll quickly realize how important every job is and how much your efforts are appreciated. Many hands make light work, and every hand is needed when you are helping to care for nearly 50 cats. Even with 30 volunteers already on rotation for our twice daily cleaning shifts we’re at

a shortage of help, increasing the workload and stress on everyone.

**If you’re over 16 years of age** and physically able to bend down to clean the cages, we could use **your help!** Or if you’re more comfortable helping with dishes and laundry, we have lots of that, too!

In addition to the cleaning shifts there are many other ways in which you can make a difference: manning booths at events, helping with the newsletter, facility maintenance, making goodies for our bake sales, setting up at our tent sale, and more. We’re always accepting volunteer applications at SCAR - you can find them on our website or at the shelter office.

Your act of kindness, no matter how small, will never be wasted at SCAR.

*~Karen Crowe and Alicia Prater*



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**SHELTER HOURS**

Monday through Saturday  
Noon to 3pm  
or by appointment

**Board of Directors**

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**OUR MISSION**

To provide homeless animals  
with a second chance at life and  
companionship in a no-kill shelter.

Our organization goes beyond  
shelter walls and is committed to:

- 1) Positive people and animal relationships and placements
- 2) Offering affordable spay, neuter and vaccination clinics
- 3) Cooperative rescue efforts
- 4) Animal welfare education

Second Chance Animal Rescue is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. SCAR receives no federal, state or local tax money; or portions of donations made to national humane organizations.



**Homer's Homilies: Black is Beautiful**



Nothing is quite as elegant as a black cat, and somewhere one is waiting for your forever home. November is National Pet Awareness Month, which makes it a great time to raise awareness about my fellow black felines.

In an effort to get the love flowing and to help these cats get adopted, here are a few quirky facts that make these fur-kids standout. Even though many cats appear to be truly black their coats may actually be many colors. That's because many black cats are the result of a recessive gene that suppresses their inherited

tabby patterns. According to the Cat Fanciers' Association, there are 22 breeds of cats that can have solid black coats. The Bombay is the only breed that is exclusively black.

Black cats can be either male or female but black coats are more prevalent in males. Black cats are great hunters. I guess that comes as no surprise since we are nocturnal and do most of our hunting and exploring at night. Our prey would never see us coming. Most black cats have the same eye color, either yellow or golden, which is the result of the high melanin pigment content in our bodies.

Meg Brown of MegaBug Photography is a great example of how one person's talent can help bring about awareness for SCAR's gorgeous black cats, who have no voice of their own. Thank you, Meg, for making a difference by donating some of that talent. Hope you enjoy her beautiful photos of some of our black and tuxedo cats.

Our shelter is always bursting at the seams with both cats and kittens who need a human of their own and a warm cozy bed. Since black cats can sometimes wait for their new home longer than they should, what are you waiting for? 🐾

**The Scoop**



Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinics  
Call us at 603-259-3244  
to schedule your cat or dog  
Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20 and Dec 18

Low Cost Shot Clinic  
Saturday, October 7  
Second Chance Shelter 1:30-3:30pm

Halloween Bake Sale  
Saturday, October 28, 9:00 am  
**Shaw's Supermarket, Littleton**  
Baked Goodies Needed!

Christmas Craft Show  
Saturday, November 25  
10:00 am—3:00 pm  
Opera House, Littleton

Pet Food Drive  
**"No More Empty Bowls"**  
SCAR is accepting donated pet food  
for distribution by local food pantries.

ShoeBox Recycling  
Donate your gently used shoes.  
We raise \$20 for every  
40 pounds we collect!

**Cat Tails: Juju & Sydney**

"We wanted to let you know how well Juju and Sydney are adjusting to us - and us to them. So hard to believe that anyone could abandon them. But, that mistake has greatly enriched our lives.

Thank you, again, for taking care of Juju and Sydney until we could find each other. You are doing such good work!  
**Tracy & Steve P."**



**Cat Tails: Lily**



"Just wanted to share a picture of Lily....she is so happy, she never stops purring, and loves our cat and dog!

All is great here. Thank you for allowing us to add her to our happy home.  
**Nicole B."**

## October is Black Cat Awareness Month!

### Moon

This little black cat couldn't remember the last time she had eaten. She was found wandering around a local restaurant, exhausted and depleted, and was brought to SCAR by a concerned person. We're happy to report she has gained weight and is reveling in the love and care she is receiving. Moon is a short-haired older kitty who is sweet and friendly and ready to be adopted.



### Blackberry



She did not want to be a stray. She just wanted a friendly human who would care for her and the six kittens she was about to give birth to. Fortunately, several humans arrived in the form of the kind person who rescued her and the Second Chance volunteers who nurtured her and her babies through their first eight weeks of their lives. We're happy to report that all of her kittens have been adopted. Now it's her turn.

### Chala

Chala was content and happy sharing his life with his best friend, Roo, and their human. Sadly, their human was displaced from their home and Roo, a beautiful ginger, and this handsome boy, black with a white undercoat and belly, were brought to the Shelter. Chala is two years old, gets along very well with other cats, and hopes that he and Roo can be adopted together.



### Cole



Having to get around on three legs was hard enough, but the pain under his right front leg had become unbearable. Cole was found with his leg caught in his collar, and it had been that way for so long that the collar had

grown into his skin. He seemed to be healing well after removal of the collar and suturing of his wound, but eventually the wound opened again. This time, honey packs were used, and we're happy to report that Cole's recovery is complete. He is a gentle, quiet boy who plays well with others and is ready to become part of a family again.

~Mary Northrop

Photos by MegaBug Photography

## They Love to Volunteer

Their story started, as a lot of stories do, with love. Carl and Joan grew up in Fort Wayne, Indiana where they were high school sweethearts. Carl graduated from the United States Naval Academy while Joan pursued a degree in Elementary Education at Hanover College in Indiana. They wed and began their journey together "living the dream" as a Navy family, crisscrossing the country from one duty station to the next. For twenty-one years this was their life and in 1984 Carl retired as a Captain aboard the USS Constitution. What a way to conclude a distinguished naval career!



Post retirement years for Carl were spent working for Raytheon. They also fell in love with the White Mountains. Seventeen years ago they decided to make memories they would cherish for a lifetime by building their retirement home overlooking Franconia Notch. Those memories also included spending time with their daughter, her husband, and their two grandchildren back in Indiana.

They are strong believers in community service, volunteering, and paying it forward by getting involved with an adaptive ski program and are now an invaluable part of SCAR's lifesaving work.

The universe has put a lot of cats into their lives. Since living in the North Country they have adopted Cinder, a shy little cat who needed a companion, and then Callie, the epitome of kitty spunk and a perfect buddy for Cinder. Carl and Joan's energy and enthusiasm for all things feline knows no bounds. This amazing couple spend two mornings a week as part of our kitty cage cleaning crew, are always volunteering for our fundraisers, and Carl serves on our Board of Directors.



The greatest things in life can't be seen or touched. They must be felt with the heart. Carl and Joan's generous gifts have been felt by all of us, both with fur and without, at Second Chance.

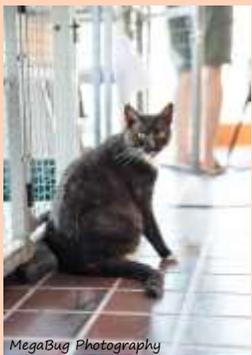
~Jackie Allison

## Cat Tails: Bam Bam



"We just wanted to let you know that he is doing great! He has new eye drops for his left eye and it has improved a bit. Please let his foster mom know that he has 3 brothers ages 7, 5 and 5 that keep him entertained and cleaned :). Paul & Christine W."

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



### Wish List

- Postage Stamps
- Gift Cards
- Purina Cat & Kitten Chow
- White Unscented Clay Cat Litter
- Copy Paper
- Paper Towels

## You Can Help

**We know that you're swamped with requests for donations. While we support the big national organizations that help animals, we ask that you first consider giving to your local shelter. We are all volunteer with no paid staff, so 100% of your donation goes directly for the care of the animals. You can visit us any day and see your gift at work, giving the abandoned and abused a "Second Chance"!**

### MONETARY DONATIONS

SCAR relies entirely on private donations to be able to fund our adoption program through our Shelter, offer spay and neuter clinics, and other programs for the community. Please mail your check today, large or small. You can also donate securely online at [www.secondchancear.org](http://www.secondchancear.org).

### VOLUNTEER

SCAR is a 100% volunteer maintained organization, and you can join us and help the cats and kittens who can't do for themselves. Fill out a Volunteer Application today.

### TAG US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow and tag us on Facebook, Twitter, and/or Instagram when you post photos of your adopted cats or SCAR events. The links are on our website.

### ESTATE GIFTS

Include SCAR in your will, trust or with a beneficiary designation.

### GIFT OF STOCK & ANNUITIES

Stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares and other securities, along with transferring of real estate offer alternative ways to give that can benefit both you and SCAR.

### TRIBUTE GIFTS

Tribute gifts can be made in memory of, or in honor of, a pet or loved one. A card will be sent upon request.

### WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS

Many workplaces coordinate charitable giving campaigns for their employees. These campaigns allow employees to donate through one-time gifts and regular payroll deductions.

### CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

There are many ways for your company to increase its visibility in the community and build positive brand presences while helping Second Chance.

### IN-KIND DONATIONS

Help keep our supply closet stocked up year round. See our wish list at [www.secondchancear.org](http://www.secondchancear.org)

### EBAY SELLABLES

Donate jewelry, antiques, and other estate valuables and we'll sell them on EBay. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

### FOSTER

Can you open your home occasionally to house a mom and her kittens until they're old enough to be adopted, or house a needy cat on a short term basis when the shelter is full?

Call Second Chance today at 603-259-3244