



# shelter mews



## For The Love of Cats



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A hurricane is not a sight to behold, but a storm worthy of respect and caution. As the fury of Irma descended on Florida, a young family from the St. Petersburg area made the decision to evacuate to safer quarters, out of harm's way. This is their story.

For many pets who find themselves at Second chance, the past has been a difficult journey. Juliette and her litter of week-old kittens would have been some of the hurricane's forgotten victims had it not been for this family of compassionate animal lovers.

They had befriended this beautiful gray and white stray a week before the storm as

she was about to give birth to her kittens. Time was not on their side though. Her newfound friends quickly made this little feline family comfortable in a crate for their escape to northern New Hampshire, where they knew they would be safe from the storm.

After a week or so, word arrived from their friends and neighbors in Florida that it was

safe to return home to begin the recovery process after this disaster. That's when Juliette and her tiny kittens came to Second Chance. Before the storm refugees embarked on their trip back to Florida, they realized this mother and her babies would need long-term care they couldn't provide.

Second Chance was willing and able to provide sanctuary for this mom and her newborn family that couldn't yet hear, see or walk. For several weeks Juliette and her kittens lived in the confines of her carrier, too scared to interact even with her new caregivers.

Gradually, she came to trust us and explored her new environment. It was a good thing, because the little pixie-faced, fluffy balls of fur were ready to explore, play and grow. Today, this resilient group is thriving and will soon be available for adoption.

The animals in this story were rescued because caring people didn't look the other way. Their love of cats demanded they do something for them. Second Chance would like to thank all those people who have stepped up for an animal in need. That's the true meaning of "peace and goodwill to all". Let's keep celebrating that!



Hobbes



MacKenzie



Cricket

~Jackie Allison

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Monday through Saturday  
Noon to 3pm  
or by appointment

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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: Weathering Storms

The holidays are almost here and things can get very chaotic. Like most people, you've probably got a long list of things to do and places to go to get ready for your winter celebrations. But have you thought about your pets?

So many people have been devastated this year by large-scale natural disasters: hurricanes, floods, and wildfires to name a few. For the holidays, I'm urging you as pet owners to take a few simple steps to give your animal companions the best gift of all—being prepared. Take a few minutes to develop a pet-specific disaster plan and evacuation kit. This plan should include:

- Microchip your pet.
- Put a Rescue Alert Sticker in your window. If you have time when you evacuate with your pets, try to **leave a note "EVACUATED" near or over the sticker for rescue workers.**
- Do not leave your pets behind. Prepare an extensive list of safe havens such as emergency shelters for animals, pet-friendly hotels and motels, and trusted friends and relatives that could house your animals in an emergency if they cannot be with you.
- A comfortable pet carrier or crate.
- A favorite toy and some comfy bedding.
- A week's supply of water, non-perishable pet food, and their medications.
- Copies of veterinary records and vaccination/titer history.
- A recent photo of you holding your pet(s), which can be used to verify ownership in case of separation.

So when you're making preparations for the holidays, make your animal companions' even brighter by preparing for them as well. It could be your greatest gift of all! 🐾



## Cat Tails: Dee-Dee

"Dee-Dee is such a sweet and loving cat. Very appreciative of her new home. She gets along well with our 3 other cats, which is a bonus. As you can see, Dee Dee (the calico) has gained a little weight...she's not spoiled or anything :) We're very happy to have her as part of our family! Thanks for all you do for our feline friends. Blessings, Beth-Ann W. and Harl H."



## THE SCOOP



Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinics  
Call us at 603-259-3244  
to schedule your cat or dog  
Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19

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 40 pounds

## Cat Tails: Teddy

"Today is Teddy's (formerly Inky) fourth birthday! Teddy and I became roommates in January of 2014 when I adopted him as a tiny kitten from SCAR.

He has moved with me to several different homes, but none of those places would be home without him. Here's to this guy! Thanks to SCAR for giving me a best friend! Taylore A."



## Mary's Cat Chats

**PIPPI**—Another rescue from a hoarding situation, 8 month old Pippi has adapted well to her new, safe surroundings at the shelter. Her shelter caregivers and Vets made the tough decision to remove one of her eyes due to a serious infection she arrived with. She recovered quickly from the surgery, and now curiously views her world with one bright golden yellow eye. Pippi is a tan and brown tiger with silky medium-length fur and a puffy tail. She's a spirited little girl who runs, jumps and plays with confidence and joy.



**TONKA**—As difficult as it is to believe, this beautiful, healthy six-year-old male was brought to the vet to be euthanized. In good conscience, the vet just could not comply and called the shelter to ask if we could take Tonka in. Of course we did, and he quickly became a beloved member of the Second Chance family. Tonka is a very large, handsome shorthaired guy with buff and white fur. He is sweet and loving and gets on well with other cats. He deserves a second chance at

finding a family who will value and love him always.

**ANNIE**—The kind-hearted couple had been feeding the small, friendly but ravenous cat for several days. They wanted to make her part of their family but when they brought her inside, their two dogs barked continuously and they realized it was not meant to be. Knowing she would be fed, safe, loved, and eventually adopted there, they brought her to Second Chance.....where they were told this kitty was a nursing mother! They brought her back to their home and when she was let out of the carrier, they followed her to a neighbor's barn where they heard kittens mewling.



They quickly realized where they were but were unable to get to them. Jan from the shelter was able to reach the kittens, and returned with mom and her babies to the shelter. Mom was named Annie, and raised her kits so well that they were all promptly adopted as soon as they were ready to go. Annie lived at the shelter for a few months where her rescuers visited her regularly. Then in October she was adopted by a couple who were captivated by her story, beauty and sweet temperament.



**AXEL**—This senior kitty is another in a long line of "tossed and found" cats that find their way to Second Chance. A kind woman had been feeding Axel for a few days after he appeared on her doorstep. She was concerned that this friendly boy, who was extremely thin and covered with fleas, would not survive. Axel is now flea-free and eating like a champ at the Shelter. He is long-haired with some Maine

Coon characteristics, and we think he's about 10 years old.

**RUSTY**—"There are no ordinary cats." These words penned by the author Colette fit our Rusty to a T. He arrived at the shelter from a home where he was being mistreated, yet he purrs unreservedly in response to kind touch and the loving attention of the shelter staff and volunteers. Rusty, who is a little over one year old, is a medium-sized cat with long reddish fur and extra toes. Be prepared to fall in love with this charming boy like we all have.



## Say "Yes To Life"!

It was evident at an early age that Mary Northrop wasn't going to be content living a mediocre life. Maybe it was her spunky, quirky, and endearing personality or her love of a mental or physical challenge. This is her story about saying "YES" to all the exciting things life has to offer.



Mary's journey started in Enosburg Falls, Vermont as the youngest in a family of four children. She learned early that there was never a day that couldn't be made better by snuggling with an animal, especially the family cat. Happily, for both Mary and Second Chance, this experience was life-changing and continues to create wonderful memories.

As her journey continued, Mary went on to graduate from college as a business major and she spent some time being a "ski bum". For those of you not familiar with the term it means lots of hard work at a ski area in exchange for some ski time on the slopes.

A creative life includes experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun. Keeping that in mind, Mary at 50 trained as an aesthetician and ran her own business for 11 years. Did I also mention she was working at a law firm at the same time? She retired after 25 years as a legal assistant. After taking six months off, she realized she missed the social contact that work provided, so she now works part-time at the Littleton Co-op and volunteers at our shelter as a cat caregiver and a contributing writer for the newsletter.

Of course Mary has a few things on her bucket list. She wants to become fluent in French and spend time in Paris. And while she's collecting passport stamps, she'd also like to travel to Greece. In the meantime, she's content being a movie buff or enjoying a cozy evening with a good book and Tinker-belle (her cat) by her side. Her advice for the new year might be "Don't limit yourself. You can go as far as your mind lets you." ~Jackie Allison

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Sweet new arrivals:  
Ellie-Jo and Tinsley  
need a new home!

### 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