



*“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they are priceless.” Sherry Anderson*

With 2017 behind us, we’d like to share some of our statistics that reveal the extent of our volunteers’ contributions toward SCAR.

We couldn’t have done it without the approximately 50 volunteers who gave roughly 2800 hours to caring for the more than 250 cats that came and went through our shelter. Volunteers who gave 100 hours or more this past year were Gail Tomlinson, Kim Randall, Sue Argetsinger, Tina Whipple, Mary Northrop, Marti Faulkner, Joan and Carl Schafer, and Karen Crowe. We also had a helping hand in spring cleaning from students at the White Mountain School in Bethlehem.



Many volunteers also contributed countless hours planning, promoting, setting up, working, and cleaning up after our numerous fundraising events. Our dedicated board members give their time not only to meetings and responsibilities, but to every aspect of our operation as well.

All of our volunteers are indispensable to our work and our mission. With their dedication we found forever homes for 183 cats and kittens. We also partnered with Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, who gave a second



chance to another 43. Five lost cats brought to us were reunited with their owners, some thanks to implanted microchips.

Our clinics continue to be a huge asset to the surrounding communities. In 2017, at our monthly Spay & Neuter clinics, we spayed or neutered 406 cats and kittens and 67 dogs. Hundreds were vaccinated at our shot clinics, and many were microchipped.

These numbers, while truly impressive, tell only a part of our amazing story. Many generous



community members also support us with their donations—monetary, in-kind, wish-list items, and more; all of which are essential to achieving our mission.

What will 2018 bring? While we will continue to offer the same services, we’ll also be developing a vision for the future. SCAR is still a young organization, but has grown rapidly during its first eight years. Evaluating the region’s needs along with our own, crafting strategic plans, and developing new funding sources—all the while continuing to offer our usual services—will be substantial challenges for SCAR in 2018.



We invite our readers and supporters to consider joining us. New volunteers are always warmly welcomed to assist with cleaning and cat care, clinics, fundraising events, office support and more. We are also seeking additional board members whose experience and skills will contribute to guiding our future, and who share our passion for animals.

All of us here at SCAR are deeply grateful for your continued support and we thank you!

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**SHELTER HOURS**

Monday through Saturday, Noon to 3pm  
or by appointment

**Board of Directors**

Jackie Allison, President  
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Carolyn Murro, Treasurer  
Judy Abbott  
Michael Bettencourt  
Karen Crowe  
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**Veterinary Advisors**

Whitefield Animal Hospital,  
Whitefield, NH  
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Littleton, NH

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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**

If you have a cat at home, there are some common cat supplies that may need to be replaced.

Your kitty's litterbox is probably plastic. Mine is. They are inexpensive, lightweight and easy to clean. However, when we dig through the litter to cover a "deposit", we are apt to scratch the bottom and the sides of the box. These nicks attract germs and odors that can remain even after it has been disinfected. You should seriously budget for a new box each year.

While plastic food and water bowls are convenient, they can be impossible to thoroughly sanitize. Also, as plastic breaks down, it can leach into our food and water causing some cats to develop feline acne. Replace these dishes with stainless steel, lead-free porcelain, or glass bowls.

Toss those dull nail trimmers. Nail trims are never the highlight of a cat's day and dull trimmers can make your pet hide under the bed every time they come out. If the cutting surface isn't sharp, the trimmers can crush and split the nail, making it uncomfortable or even painful for your kitty. Do not hang onto expired or inappropriate medications. When your vet prescribes a drug for your kitty, it is only for her and for a specific condition being treated. Replace it with fresh prescriptions as required.

Lastly, it may be time to toss your cat's old toys and grooming tools. Over time, toys (especially fur covered) and grooming brushes can harbor bacteria. Spring cleaning is the perfect time to sort through and replace your feline's belongings, and will greatly increase the chances of your cat leading a happy, safe and healthy life. 🐾



Homer "helping" at the shelter

**The Scoop**



**Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinics**

Call us at 603-259-3244 to schedule your cat or dog  
March 19, April 16, May 21,  
June 18, July 16, Aug 20

**ShoeBox Recycling**

Drop off your gently used shoes  
We raise \$20 for every 40 lbs we collect!

**Dining for a Cause**

Wednesday, June 20, 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
99 Restaurant, Meadow St, Littleton  
15% of your total bill goes to SCAR

**4th Annual Tony Ilacqua  
Chicken BBQ**

Saturday, July 14, 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Live Music  
VFW Pavilion, Littleton

**Annual Gigantic Tent Sale**

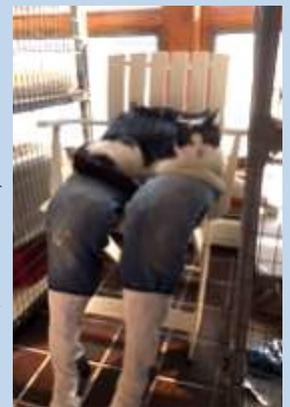
Saturday, August 11 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Home Depot parking lot, Littleton

**Low Cost Shot Clinics**

Saturday, March 24, Lisbon Town Hall  
Saturday, April 14, Bethlehem Fire Dept.  
Saturday, April 21, Second Chance Shelter  
All clinics are from 1:30 to 3:30 PM  
Shots \$15.00 each

**New Lap in Town**

Thank you to Marti Faulkner for creating the shelter kitty's newest "stuffed animal". The cats enjoy it as much as a real lap!



**Adoption Update!**

You will remember Pippi from our Winter issue, the sweet little spunky one-eyed girl. One of our readers was especially intrigued by Pippi's story, as she is blind in the same eye! She visited the shelter, met Pippi, and it was love at first sight. Pippi is reportedly enjoying her new family, and they are thrilled to have found her.



## Mary's Cat Chats

(Our Very Own) Fifty Shades of Gray—Long, rangy and handsome; our Mica could easily be the subject of a book or a movie. His silky softness ranges from silvery white to slate and extends right through to his personality. His purring begins at the mere thought of a human approaching, and he reaches out to be picked up and held. Mica has had experience with kids and dogs, and handles other cats well. He is ten years old and is unfortunately displaying symptoms of chronic kidney disease. The good news is that he is now on the correct diet and receiving the necessary fluids to keep the progression at bay. With the proper care and love, Mica could live for many years to come. But be forewarned! Resisting the charms of Mr. Gray will be futile!



Tribecca & Haiku

All three have thrived at the shelter, but they are still somewhat shy. Bitzer, a gray and white female tiger, is the most outgoing of the three. Haiku, a calico, is timid, but once she allows you close enough, she rolls over and purrs her little heart out. Tribecca, also a calico, is plump and accepts pats and love from the lucky few who meet with her approval.

**The Three Mus“cat”eers**—Like their fictional namesakes, our threesome are brave fighters and loyal friends. Bitzer, Haiku, and Tribecca began life six years ago in Stark (an apt metaphor for their first four years of life), New Hampshire. Their life consisted of one room, little love and no socialization. The icing on this mean and rotten cake came when their owner abandoned them. In what could have been the first loving gesture ever extended to them, they were discovered and brought to SCAR.



Bitzer



Ashley

**Ashley**—Our sweet Ashley was dumped at a campground last summer and brought to the shelter. She spent her first few months hiding in her cat bed. Eventually she began to venture out, but was still skittish and impossible to pet. Recently, she was moved to the sun room so she could socialize. What a difference this has made. She now welcomes pats

and love, plays with her toys, and those beautiful green-gold eyes have lost their look of fear. Ashley is about one year old and has short gray, plush fur. Fans of Russian blues will surely be taken with her. ~Mary Northrop

## The Catless Couple

Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights. That amply describes the life of Emily and Reggie LaFlam, our featured volunteers for this issue of Shelter Mews. Emily was from Texas and Reggie was a native of Vermont. Animals were always a part of both their families growing up. In fact, it was Emily's dog Curley that saved her and her sister when they unexpectedly encountered a rattlesnake while on a camping trip. The dog maneuvered himself between the girls and the snake, and took a direct hit from the reptile. Fortunately, the dog survived.



Courage is a love affair with the unknown, and little did 17-year-old Reggie know it would mean a 22-year career in the Air Force. Reggie and Emily met at the Sunspot Observatory in Sunspot, NM, where he was stationed and her father worked. Their military life was one of perpetual movement, sometimes leaving Emily and their two sons behind. Retirement from the Air Force brought them closer to family connections in Littleton. Reggie was offered an opportunity to work at Littleton Regional Hospital, which turned into a 25-year commitment with an additional 8 years as a volunteer.

In helping others, we help ourselves. Both took these words to heart and have loved volunteering. Emily was even honored with the Governor Gallen Award for Volunteer Work at the Littleton Hospital. She is known for passing on kind gestures through her dedicated work at her church and here at Second Chance. Even though she has no prior experience with cats, she stepped up, and we are grateful for her thoughtfully written thank you notes to our donors.

Nowadays, Reggie can usually be seen early in the morning getting in his 3 to 4 mile daily walk, and in warmer weather still enjoys his childhood passion for fishing. He is also our "shoe meister" and manages our Shoe Box Connection fundraising project. Emily can usually be found with her dog Dusty by her side and a Sue Grafton mystery in hand. They both dream of a trip to Bermuda. Reggie was assigned **there while in the Air Force and his family couldn't go.** Emily doesn't plan on being denied this lifelong dream and Reggie would like nothing better than to share it with her. Follow your hearts, dear friends! ~Jackie Allison

## Cat Tails: Smokey & Bandit

"Smokey & Bandit are both doing amazing and we love them so much. They have been a perfect addition to our family, they even try to take **a bath with our daughter. It's the funniest thing.** I can honestly say they are the best cats we have ever owned. I have recommended you to anyone I know looking for a cat. Shelby, Spencer and Kinsley O."



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.

### 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 the shelter for more information.

### 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, autos and other estate valuables year-round and we'll sell them on EBay. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

### TAG US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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