

# Kitty Angels.org

An All-Volunteer,  
Non-Profit Rescue  
Organization  
for Needy Cats

A Newsletter for our Friends and Supporters

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## Out and About

by Joan Abbott

These are the words that run through my mind as I reflect on the many rescues and adventures that we have had "out and about" in the field for so many years. For over thirty years, Kitty Angels has had a physical presence in our local communities, making a difference in the lives of animals and people. We have become all too familiar with numerous alleyways, abandoned buildings, garbage dumpsters, parking lots – the deserted and forgotten places – the areas where we are needed the most.

This year was remarkable as we enlarged our rescue territory, traveling to the Turks and Caicos Islands, where we joined our friends from 'Pets Without Vets' to spay and neuter an abundance of island dogs and cats. For five intense days we worked from 7:30 am, when the transport vans picked us up, until 6:00 - 7:00 in the evening. While assisting with the dogs, the KA team could not help but focus on the plight of the island cats. As we rescued homeless cats and kittens we worked hard to find local agencies to take them in. When the clinic wrapped up we had two leftover kittens that did not have a place to go, as well as a homeless puppy that had severe injuries and burns to her neck and back. We arranged to fly them home with us. After several months of intense medical care, Sally, the puppy, has found her wonderful, forever home.

Yet, despite an overwhelming sense of accomplishment, we could not help but feel haunted by one kitten that we had left behind: little Tito, a tiny kitten with deformed front feet who had stumbled around after us as we canvassed a neighborhood to tell people about the free clinic. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure flight accommodations for another animal, and we did not have enough time to obtain necessary medical clearance for the poor little guy. Fate, however, smiled on this tiny soul. Follow up communication between us and the islanders resulted in Tito being located and an island agency made arrangements for a courier to fly him to Boston. We were thrilled! Once here, it was discovered that our little friend had a number of congenital problems including a significant heart condition. Surgery was performed on his deformed and painful feet to help him walk better. Despite his problems he is a wonderfully funny kitten. It was a magical conclusion to a truly incredible adventure.



Little Tito When We Found Him



Horace

Back home our work continued nonstop. There were rescues that we never posted online: Horace, a blind 12 week old kitten who needs both eyes removed because of untreated eye infections; BB, one of the sweetest cats you could ever meet, who was hit by a car and suffered a crushed pelvis that cannot be surgically repaired; the emergency rescue of a tiny kitten who had been abused; and the never-ending succession of stray and feral cats needing help. So many stories, so many lives saved.

What happens when you donate to KA? It helps us to continue to pursue our mission of saving those cats that live and suffer in the shadows – the forgotten ones that need our help so desperately. Your generosity enables us to continue to care for the daily influx of stray and abandoned cats that desperately need our help; it funds our low cost spay-neuter clinics; and it enables so many incredible medical rescues. Every penny of every donation goes towards caring for the cats.

Each year is different and each year we are only able to do what we do because of your support. We thank you and they thank you.

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

## HOW YOU CAN HELP KITTY ANGELS

- 🐱 *Money...to pay for the daily care and medical bills of the cats.*
- 🐱 *Shop amazon.com at [kittyangels.org/amazon...](http://kittyangels.org/amazon...) Using our Amazon link helps us much more than using Amazon Smile.*
- 🐱 *Use igit to shop, donate through PayPal (best for Kitty Angels) or Network for Good (anonymous and/or recurring donations)...see [www.kittyangels.org/howtohelp.html](http://www.kittyangels.org/howtohelp.html)*
- 🐱 *Specify that a portion of your eBay auction sales benefit Kitty Angels and get an eBay "Giving Works" icon for your listings.*
- 🐱 *Use your employer's Matching Gift Program; specify that your United Way payroll donation go to Kitty Angels.*
- 🐱 *Treasures Antiques & Collectibles, Amherst, NH, has generously donated a booth for the sale of items to benefit Kitty Angels. They're on Rte. 122, just 1/4 mile south of Rte. 101A.*
- 🐱 *Gail Mosher will place donated antiques, collectibles or other items in Treasures Antiques shop or will sell them online through [PurrrfectTreasures.com](http://PurrrfectTreasures.com) or ebay. 100% of the proceeds will go to Kitty Angels. Call 978-430-8055, or e-mail [gailmosher@gmail.com](mailto:gailmosher@gmail.com).*
- 🐱 *Donate Gift Cards, Medical supplies, Prescription drugs and foods, Cat Food, Litter, Stamps, Cleaning Supplies, Towels*

*For these and other ways to help, please visit the How to Help page on our web site at [www.kittyangels.org/howtohelp.html](http://www.kittyangels.org/howtohelp.html)*

*And, for updates and events check our Website, Facebook page (which now has over 5,200 followers) and Instagram @kittyangelsrescue*



### They Rely on Your Generosity

Each year brings increasing numbers of cats into our shelter, requiring that we supply more veterinary services, food, litter and shelter space — and that we care for a growing number of “unplaceable” cats in foster homes and TNR colonies. We’re so grateful for your donations — without them so many of the cats that we have been able to save would have simply been added to the grim statistics of animal suffering. Thank you so very much for your help — but please understand that our task never ends and that we need your continued support to continue our work!! There are so many ways to help — some are listed here and you can find more information on our website.

**Pets Without Vets**, a non-profit organization, was created by Dr. Robin Brennen in 2008 with the mission to enhance the human-animal bond and promote the welfare of animals by providing veterinary support, humane education and resource development to international communities in need. Since their founding they have conducted thirteen outreach clinics in three Caribbean countries, and helped over 3000 pets.

Pets Without Vets is staffed 100% by volunteers who donate their time to bring hope to animals that need it most. The animals that come to the clinics are treated with the same compassion and respect as in U.S. hospitals. Often times, the human touch they receive in these clinics; a hug, a kiss on the nose, a kind word, is the only nice thing that has ever happened to these animals in their entire lives. We are believers that animals born into poor socio-economic communities deserve the same basic health care as pets born into privilege.

Pets Without Vets' reputation for excellence has increased the demand for their services threefold. To learn more about them or to make a donation, please visit [www.petswithoutvets.org](http://www.petswithoutvets.org) or visit their Facebook page.



“We have to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.”

*Peter Singer*

## Success Stories

**Warrior** was first seen on a volunteer's wildlife camera, eating among the nighttime wildlife, including a raccoon and a coyote pup. Eluding capture for over a month, the volunteer watched with frustration as a wound appeared on his head and a seeping wound appeared on his side. Eventually his wounds crusted over and became infected. Once he was finally captured, we were appalled to see that his wounds were covered with a horrendous number of ticks. He was rushed to the vet for meticulous clean-up of his wounds, antibiotics and neutering. He had to be a tough customer to fight for survival after his abandonment. Sadly, when trapped, he had lost his trust of people. But, with extensive medical care and the love and patience of his foster home during his long recovery, he came out of his shell revealing himself to be a really sweet boy.

Warrior traveled a hard and dangerous road to find his forever home. He now luxuriates in the love and attention of his family, having earned a peaceful retirement from "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune."

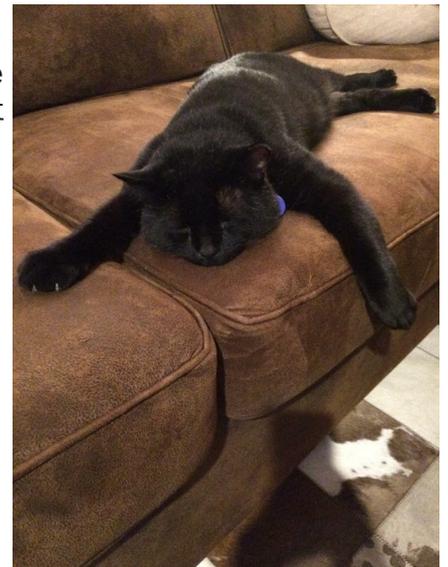


**MAGPIE** . . . Three weeks old, found alone screaming in a field, infested with fleas, a maggot covered wound, dehydrated, starving and weak. She might have been attacked by a bird of prey, which would explain the deep, odd shaped wound she had when she was found. It is thought the bird dropped her, creating a temporary neurological trauma that impaired her vision for a period of time. She had many bumps along the road to recovery and for many weeks it was touch and go.

Fast forward to the present and she is a remarkably robust and happy little kitten. The incredible news is that her sister was also eventually found in the same area. Happily reunited in their foster home, the sisters are a small terror to all things destructible.

**NOIR** was a small friendly kitten that a dedicated feeder of strays found one day at a feeding spot. She fed him for several weeks until she eventually found him a home. She was pleased that he would have a good life off the streets. Unfortunately, the people returned him to her a month later and, not having anywhere for NOIR to go, she put him back at the feeding spot where he had been found. Each day for almost a year she picked him up twice a day, hugged him, stroked his soft black fur and then put him down. The winter was hard on him. She would brush the snow off of him and put hand warmers in the little shelter she had provided for the strays. By the time spring arrived NOIR was an adult and it was apparent he had been involved in numerous cat fights. Despite his wounds, his gentle and sweet nature had never changed. Finally the kind woman contacted Kitty Angels for help.

Due to his difficult life on the streets Noir tested positive for FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, also known as Feline AIDS). Being FIV positive, it took Noir a little longer to be adopted. But now he has found his forever home, where he can be expected to live a long and normal life.



## Please help break the cycle of overpopulation...



Kitty Angels offers a **Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic** once or twice a month (on Sundays) at Animal Rescue Veterinary Services in Londonderry, NH.

Cats are spayed or neutered, receive distemper and rabies vaccinations, a physical exam, and are microchipped.

Other treatment can

be provided for an additional fee. Kittens must weigh a minimum of 2 pounds. A suggested donation of \$85 per cat is requested and grant money may be available for those who cannot afford the fee.

The **BEST WAY** to make an appointment is to email [lindab@kittyangels.org](mailto:lindab@kittyangels.org). She is the only one who can book appointments for our clinics. If you don't have internet access, call the shelter and someone will get back to you. Cats are dropped off in the morning and picked up later the same day.

***We spend countless hours dealing with the tragic results of cat overpopulation. Our low cost spay/neuter clinic was established seven years ago. Last year we doubled the number of clinics to twice a month!! Despite the additional clinics, the request for assistance has grown and we still have a waiting list. So far this year we have spayed/neutered over 400 cats at the clinic; over the past 7 years the clinic has done a total of 4,011!! Can you help us continue to save lives and spay /neuter cats that would otherwise not be done? Any donation amount will help! Please help break the cycle of pet overpopulation!***

*The Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society also offers low cost spay/neuter packages on their "Catmobile." The Catmobile is in Lowell once a week, as well as other towns throughout MA. For dates and times, check the MRFRS website at [www.mrfrs.org](http://www.mrfrs.org). For appointments and information call 978-465-1940.*



## **Volunteering – how you can help...**

We are looking for people to help at our adoption center located in the PETSMAST store in the Royal Ridge Center at Rte. 3, Exit 1, Nashua, NH. We need help on Saturday adoption days and volunteers to cover shifts during the week, feeding and caring for the cats in the AM and PM.

We also have many feral colonies that are fed and cared for by Kitty Angels volunteers each and every day. Our feeders could use an extra hand, even if only one day a week. We have locations in Nashua & Hudson, N.H. and our most **critical** need is for several areas in Roxbury & Dorchester, MA.

Please contact us for more information.

## **Lowell Trap-Neuter-Return Coalition**

**Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)** is a humane alternative to euthanasia for managing and reducing feral and stray cat populations. Cats are trapped, sterilized, vaccinated, humanely marked by ear-tipping for identification, and returned to the site of capture. Caretakers provide food, water and shelter for the cats while they live out their natural lives in familiar surroundings.

The **Lowell TNR Coalition** was formed in 2009 in response to the growing problem of feral cat overpopulation in Lowell, MA. A recent grant enables them to also offer services in Dracut MA until mid-2017. The ultimate mission of the Coalition, which is a certified non-profit organization, is to spay and neuter all feral and stray cats

in Lowell and Dracut through TNR. They have TNR'd over 2500 stray and feral cats since their inception, and hundreds more have been rescued, socialized and adopted. Coalition volunteers plan and execute monthly TNR events.

**Have Ferals in Lowell or Dracut?** Are you feeding stray or feral cats? Know the location of a feral cat colony? The Lowell TNR Coalition can help!  
**Phone: 978-349-6143**  
**Email: [info@lowelltnr.org](mailto:info@lowelltnr.org)**  
**URL: [www.lowellTNR.org](http://www.lowellTNR.org)**



"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

*John Bunyan*

## Prince

There was nowhere worse to try to survive than where poor Prince Rogers Nelson ended up — in an industrial dumpster yard. He was first spotted by a Kitty Angels volunteer as she put food through the fence. It was immediately obvious that he needed help, so traps were set. It took over two weeks and many long nights to finally catch him. Prince was friendly and very grateful right out of the trap. He scarfed down a whole can of cat food, then lay his head on the volunteer's lap for scratches, all the while purring like a finely tuned engine. It is no meaningless cliché to say that Prince is a graduate from the school of hard knocks. He had been through hell and back. While at the vet, it was determined that Prince needed dental work in addition to his neuter, vaccines, etc. He was scratched up from fighting with other animals; his foot pads were cut and calloused from searching for food amongst the trash heaps in which he was living; and he tested positive for FIV – Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, also known as Feline AIDS.

When PRINCE was released from the hospital he moved into a wonderful foster home to recover. He put on some much needed weight and adjusted to indoor living. He also proved to be a fast study and an excellent student of love. After eight-plus weeks in his foster home, Prince won the kitty lottery by being adopted by the previous adopters of Ray, another FIV positive Kitty Angels alumni. It didn't take long for Ray and Prince to become fast friends, sharing toys and playing with each other. When they aren't sleeping, they love chasing each other around the house. Prince especially likes to instigate Ray into playing hide and seek.

FIV positive cats can live normal life spans with a healthy diet and annual checkups, something we insist on with any cat we offer for adoption. It is a challenge educating people on the adoptability of FIV positive cats, but we will continue our steadfast commitment to finding homes for these amazing, but often overlooked, and too often euthanized, cats.

You can donate by mail using the coupon below, or you can donate securely and easily online by visiting our website at [www.kittyangels.org](http://www.kittyangels.org) and clicking on the **How to Help** link. You can make your online donation through **Network for Good** or **PayPal** (no PayPal account required). For other ways to help, please see page 2 of this newsletter.

**There are so many more injured, needy and homeless animals...please help!!!**

**Yes, I'll help with a tax-deductible donation to Kitty Angels:**

\$150 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_  
\$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Prince After Being Trapped

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## ABOUT KITTY ANGELS

Kitty Angels is a no-kill shelter dedicated to rescuing stray and abandoned cats, furnishing them with treatment for injuries or other health problems, and placing them into life-long, loving, indoor homes with compatible owners. We take all necessary steps to ensure the well being of our cats, including emergency and routine medical care, screening for infectious diseases, spaying and neutering, microchipping and providing rabies, distemper and other necessary medical care. We take in, and place or foster, hundreds of cats each year and deal with many feral cat populations. Kitty Angels is an all-volunteer organization. **We have no paid staff – every cent of every donation goes to caring for needy cats!** Because the cost of caring for our cats greatly exceeds our adoption fees, we depend on the generosity of individuals and businesses to make up the difference. **Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today...and, please be sure to send us a Matching Gifts Form if your employer offers one...we, and especially the cats, would very much appreciate it!!**

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**THANK YOU !!** A very special thanks to all of you who have opened your hearts and homes to animals; to those who have donated in some way to help us or others who act in concert with our cause; and to our team of dedicated volunteers and foster home caregivers. You are the ones whose compassion, kindness and generosity makes the difference. We couldn't do what we do without your continued support.

**Thanks** to **PETsMART** for providing us with first class space in their store in the Royal Ridge Mall in Nashua, NH. You can see some of our adoptable cats in the cages at the front of the store and you can see us there on weekend adoption days.

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**ENDURING SUPPORT** In the 33 years since our founding, Kitty Angels has been fortunate to have many long-term supporters. In recent years, an increasing amount of our funding has come from bequests from the estates of these committed benefactors. The enduring impact of these bequests, both large and small, has helped Kitty Angels expand its life saving programs and find loving homes for the neediest of animals. By naming Kitty Angels as a beneficiary in your will or estate plan, you can support Kitty Angels' future efforts as well as gain financial and tax benefits for you and your family. Your estate planner can explain the different ways you can make a bequest to Kitty Angels or you can contact us. **We thank all our supporters for their wonderful generosity!!**

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