



Heartland News



November 2023

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM HEARTLAND

Recently Unity Preschool and Childcare invited Heartland to visit their school. Two of our volunteers took two of our kitties to visit the school and have a little meet and greet with the children and staff.

We talked with the classes and explained how to hold and play with the kitties and how to care for them. The kids asked questions and they each took a turn to pet the kittens. Many of them have kitties at home and they enjoyed sharing what they named them and how they enjoy their pets. It is important for kids to learn proper care and respect for animal friends.

The children and staff were warm and welcoming and we enjoyed sharing the time with them. It was obvious that Binx and Voodoo (the kitties) had a great time too.



Another year has come and gone, and once again we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have given time, money, and goods to help keep the shelter operating. We rely solely on volunteers, donations and fundraisers to help our kitties find fur-ever loving homes. On behalf of our little ones, we wish you all a happy, healthy 2024.

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Cats as Gifts

Giving someone a cat or kitten as a gift may seem like a sweet gesture, but it's a bad idea. Cats given to children may be forgotten once



the holiday season passes and the novelty wears off. Giving a cat to an adult is asking quite a lot. Are you sure the person wants to take on the

responsibility of cat ownership? What if the person wanted to choose their cat?

Becoming a cat owner is a serious step for both children and adults. Be sure the recipient is ready for the commitment before you give the gift. Better yet, give a cat collar or toy as a gift and tell the recipient that you will go together to adopt a cat after the holidays are over.

Holiday Gift Suggestions

Having trouble shopping for a gift for that hard-to-buy-for person in your life? A lot of people don't need another nightie or sweater, and if they love animals they would like it if the money went for something like that. You might consider a donation to Heartland in their name. It doesn't even have to be a monetary donation. We also accept "presents" as well. Here are some suggestions for items we can always use.

- Wet cat food
- Scoopable litter
- Garbage bags (white kitchen)
- Dish soap
- Disinfecting wipes
- Postage stamps
- Kitten chow
- Laundry Soap
- Bleach
- Printer paper

As always, thank you for your ongoing support to HPW throughout the year. The kitties really appreciate it

You may remember Stranger. He is the handsome boy who appeared on the porch of one of our volunteers, and he had a paw that prevented him from walking like a “normal” cat. Our concerns quickly disappeared as we watched him progress to a fun kitten playing with the other shelter kitties.

Stranger has since been adopted by one of our volunteers (another Foster Fail). He started to have fluid buildup in his paw and the Vet felt it would be best to amputate the leg. This was something that we had hoped would not be necessary, but it was.

Scott has kept us up to date on the progress, and as hoped Stranger (renamed Bobby) is running and playing like all kitties love to do. He has found his fur-ever home and is a happy healthy addition to Scott’s family. What a lucky kitty.

We are looking for donations to help offset the cost of Bobby’s surgery. Anything you can contribute will be greatly appreciated.



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