



# Heartland News

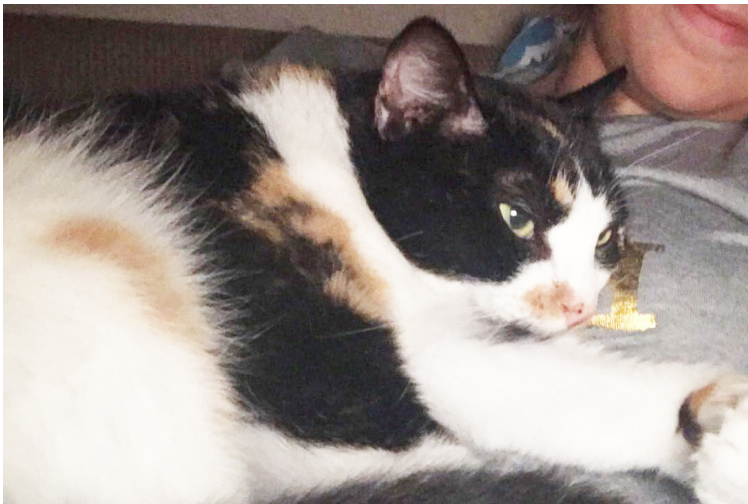


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## AUTUMN IN THE HEARTLAND!

### Happy Endings

You may remember a kitty at the shelter named Calli. She was a very sweet calico that found a fur-ever home very quickly. We are pleased to report that she is doing great! Her owner says, "I adopted Calli because she was an older cat and wanted to give her a good life. Things are great. She's still really skittish when anyone walks into the room or stands up, but then she's fine. She's been loving on everyone who comes over, always wants attention, and sleeps on my pillow every night next to my face. I can't imagine life without her now."



"I've renamed her Pyewacket, from the 50's movie 'Bell, Book & Candle'. It was my Nana's favorite movie. She already knows her name and comes when called."

**WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!** If you've adopted one of our fur babies, let us know how they are doing in their fur-ever home on our Facebook page, @HeartlandPetWelfare. You might be featured in an upcoming newsletter!

Have you thought of volunteering at Heartland? Are you looking for ways to support our work? There are so many ways that you can help the kitties.

If you have a few hours a week or a month you could volunteer at the shelter to clean and care for the animals. Not excited about scooping litter boxes? The kitties need brushing and socializing, and they love the attention when playing and being held. You can volunteer to take cats to vet appointments or help at our fundraisers. No experience required!! We can always use people to help when raising money for the shelter.

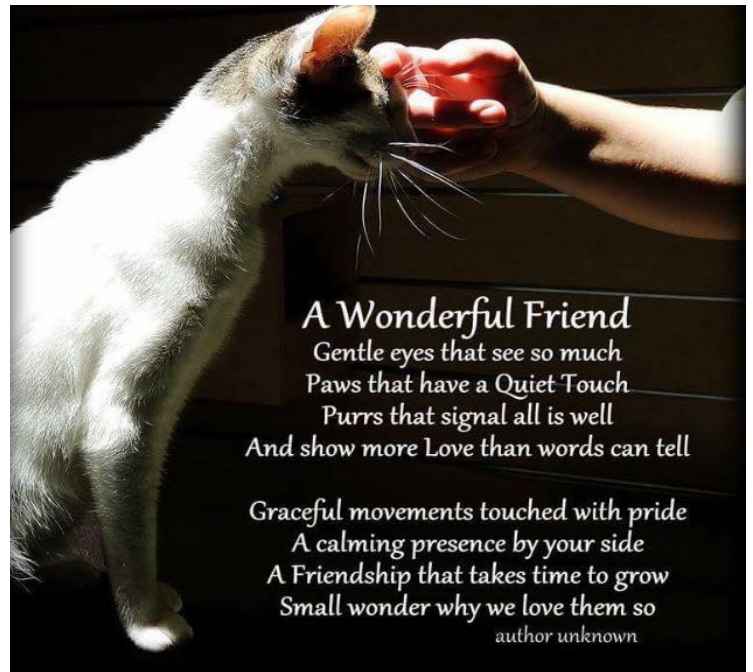
### "FREE" Kittens

You have probably seen these words on a poster or in the newspaper. There is no such thing as a free kitten if you take care of it.

The "free" kitten should be taken to the vet for a health check. Depending on age, shots should be given for distemper and rabies, and the cat checked for FIV to confirm it is negative. Flea treatment, worming, elimination of ear mites are all things that need to be attended to. Having the animal neutered is the most responsible part of owning a pet. Does this still sound like a free kitten?

Veterinary fees can be costly. Heartland uses local vets just like everyone does. We do not have a vet on staff. We charge an adoption fee and have an application process. Some people will take the "free" cat to avoid the adoption fee. If their "free" cat is cared for properly it becomes evident that the fee charged by a shelter is less than what the free kitten is costing.

Most cats at shelters are there because of the owners – not because of something being wrong with the cat. They have been abandoned or are too much bother and expense for the owner to care for them any longer. All they want is a loving home, and Heartland works hard to match up families with cats that will add to the lives of both.



### *A Wonderful Friend*

*Gentle eyes that see so much  
Paws that have a Quiet Touch  
Purrs that signal all is well  
And show more Love than words can tell*

*Graceful movements touched with pride  
A calming presence by your side  
A Friendship that takes time to grow  
Small wonder why we love them so*

*author unknown*

Our "wish list" is enclosed in this newsletter. Bringing items on the list is a way to help. People think of cat food or litter, and those items are appreciated; but have you ever thought of gas cards? There are many trips to the vet each month. Laundry soap? Postage stamps? Any items on the list are greatly appreciated.

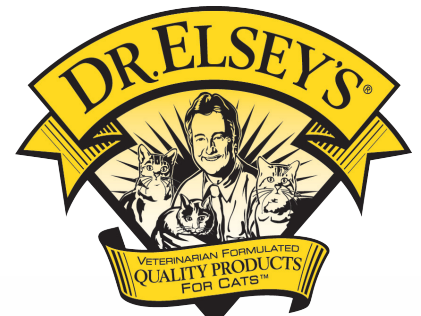
Cash donations are always needed. We are not funded by any city, county or organization but rely on donations from our supporters. Many companies will make matching funds to not-for-profit organizations, so check with your employer to see if they do this. Please keep in mind that for your birthday you can ask that donations be made to Heartland rather than gifts given to you. We have had children request gifts for the kitties from their friends rather than gifts for themselves. They then come visit the shelter and enjoy the kitties while giving the gifts. What a wonderful way to teach a child to give rather than receive. Bequests can also be given to Heartland.

We feel that since 1999 we have provided a much needed service to the community. We would love to help every animal and answer every request we receive, but it is not possible. We work hard to help as many cats find loving homes as space and money allow. We need your help to continue to do this. Any and all of the support is appreciated by every member, volunteer and furry friend.



Mr Mathey and his Pre-Vet class at West Carroll visited the shelter on the 10th to learn about Heartland. The kitties enjoyed it and we loved having them. What an awesome group of kids.

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Heartland Wish List

- \$\$ Donations
- Laundry soap
- Dish soap
- Bleach
- Printer paper
- Gift cards
- Volunteer hours
- Garbage bags
- (white kitchen)
- Disinfecting wipes
- Postage stamps
- Gas cards

**DONATION CARD**

- Yes, I can volunteer
- \$10 a month Sponsor-a-pet
- \$20 Yearly membership
- \$50 Initial vet check/check-in for one kitty
- \$100 Cat food and litter
- \$200 Shelter supplies
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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