



Heartland News



September 2019

20 YEARS IN THE HEARTLAND!



2019 marks the 20th year of Heartland Pet Welfare helping homeless cats and kittens find loving homes. It all started in 1999 when a concerned citizen put an article in the paper inviting people to attend a meeting to discuss possible ways to address the growing problem of homeless cats in the community.

It took years of yard sales, bake sales and outreach to local businesses and friends to raise enough money to begin dreaming of opening a shelter. Finally in 2005 the dream became a reality. The

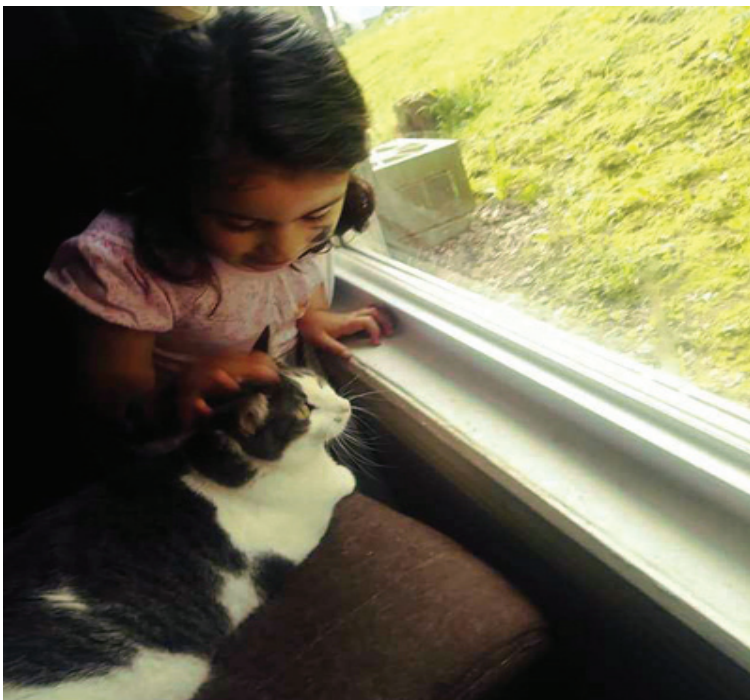
shelter was built and the mission could begin in earnest.

It was our plan to have an Open House this fall to celebrate the 20 year anniversary. With the road construction and activity happening on Wacker Road we have decided to postpone the celebration until spring. Future newsletters and Facebook will have dates and details when they are available. Stay tuned!!

Happy Endings - Mystique

Hannah decided she would like to have a pet, and she told her school friends she was getting a cat. Her parents brought her to Heartland, and she immediately saw Mystique and fell in love. Her dad tried to interest her in some younger kittens, but she was drawn to Mystique. They even visited another shelter but returned to Heartland and Hannah headed straight to Mystique.

Hannah knew what she wanted, and it has worked out great. Hannah has her best friend and Mystique has her happy ending!!



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR CATS

KEEP YOUR PET CATS INDOORS

Cats can be the targets of pranks on Halloween night, so keep your pets safe inside. Community cats will know to hide on their own.

KEEP YOUR INDOOR CATS IN A SAFE, SECURE ROOM

Trick or treaters coming to your door can be scary for cats. Keep cats away from the front door so they can relax.

ONLY PUT COSTUMES ON WILLING CATS

Most cats don't want to dress up for Halloween. Make sure any costumes don't restrict breathing or movement.

MAKE SURE YOUR PET CATS HAVE ID

Just in case your indoor cat darts out of your door, be sure they have up-to-date identification so they can be returned if lost.



Upcoming Events

October 19th & 20th - We will have a bake sale at the Palisades Art League annual show, held at West Carroll primary school on Wacker Rd in Savanna.

Annual Meeting - October 29th at Manny's in Savanna, 7:00PM



Bryna Vesely, Callie Raab and Jersey Budimlija hosted a lemonade stand outside West Carroll High School in August. These three 7 year-olds love kittens and cats and worked hard for 4 hours to help out Heartland!

Happy Endings - Oz

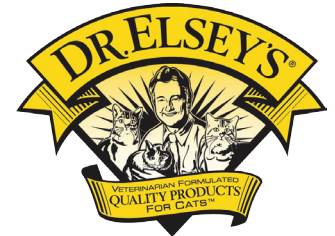
Silver (now known as Oz) was recently adopted. His family came in looking for a black cat, but Silver had other plans. He chose them as HIS family. His new family decorated a patriotic tree for July 4th and Labor Day. Look closely at the picture and note how seriously Oz is supervising as they take down the decorations. A very happy ending for that little purring machine.



Heartland Pet Welfare Wish List

- Kitten chow
- Black garbage bags
- Tall kitchen garbage bags
- Laundry detergent
- Disinfecting wipes
- Dish soap
- Bleach
- Dryer sheets
- Printer paper
- Stamps
- Gift cards (gasoline/Walmart)
- Cash donations

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- Yes, I can volunteer
- \$10 a month Sponsor-a-pet
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