# Pawz and Purrz Animal Rescue Newsletter

# **KITTENS & CATS GALORE**

### **BY TINA WRIGHT**

This story is about 13 cats and kittens who are now safe in our care.

We received a call earlier this month about a large number of cats and kittens in need of medical care and homes. The people that had been feeding them were not able to care for them properly, they quickly multiplied, most living outside, and those living indoors were in just as rough of shape if not worse than those outside.

An individual determined to help these cats and kittens get to a place where they could have a much better quality of life, care and chance for survival stepped in and reached out to many organizations. She contacted local shelters, Humane Society's and rescues. Like us, most were full but some were able to take a few. We took in two very sick female kittens, Flip and Flop. Flip came to us with a fever of 105 and an URI, Flop (who flops to the ground for a belly rub when you get near her) also had a URI (upper respiratory infection).

A week later this individual was still determined to place as many of these animals as she could into shelters willing to help. You see, she was trying to fulfill a dying man's wish for these cats, and not to leave the burden of the large number to care for on his partner. She reached out a little further and found a Humane Society willing to take 22 of them in! She spent her morning rounding them up and loaded them in her vehicle and drove nearly two hours to a place she thought was going to help. Once she arrived, after a short exam she was told some had lice. Because all had been exposed they would be *con't. on page 2* 



Looking - and feeling! - much better.



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Because all had been exposed they would be euthanized. They didn't have the space to isolate and treat them all. She was devastated and not willing to accept that outcome. She called us to inform us about the lice, concerned for our cats because of the two we had taken from her a week prior. Once we heard her story we had to do something ... we were already as full as we could comfortably manage financially and with all foster homes already with multiple foster kitties. After a few phone calls between ourselves it was determined we would take at least 10 of them in. With that being said, the Humane Society felt they had the room to keep 11. In the end, we wound up taking in the other 11, which included 4 adults and 7 kittens ranging in age from 6 weeks to 6 months. A few were healthy, some had significant URI's and all were exhausted from the day they'd had. All have been seen by our vet and tested negative for FIV and FELV, all were examined for lice (the crew came up clean), and some were even spayed and neutered this week (the rest will be done soon).

Let this story serve as a cautionary tale – not all shelters and rescues are created the same. Please ask questions and be informed prior to surrendering an animal to any organization. We would also like to ask that you share this story and if possible, donate towards the care of these SWEET beautiful babies. Help us let them know that their lives matter. And if you've been thinking about adding a feline member to your family, please consider adopting or sponsoring the adoption of one or more of these kitties.



# Foster Spotlight Heather S.



As if being a single parent and working a full-time job isn't hard enough, Heather is always there when we need her. She has fostered 20+ dogs since being with us and is always willing to go that extra mile. We jokingly refer to her as our "Beagle Gal" because she's always able to find room for one more, especially if it's a beagle. But, it's not only beagles that she fosters. Heather will pretty much foster any animal that is in need. Heather also has her own crew of fur family members that include several dogs and her latest addition, a mini potbelly pig.

Not only is Heather a PAWsome foster, she is also one of our biggest advocates; always spreading the word and helping get our name out there.

Heather, we know life gets busy and we don't take the time to let our fosters know how much we appreciate them, but we hope you know that we think you are great and without you (and your daughter) these 20+ dogs would not have gotten a second chance. Thank you so much for everything you have done for Pawz and Purrz!

# Did You Know ...

# Pawz & Purrz Animal Rescue focuses on animals right here in our own community?

We have a significant problem with abandoned and homeless animals in this area. Our mission is to address the problem locally...and it's our number one priority. PPAR works closely with several local dog control officers taking in unclaimed dogs after the mandated 5day stray hold is up (for more info on stay hold laws in NYS, visit www.agriculture.ny.gov). By law, these dogs are at risk of being euthanized simply because they have no identifiable owner. We've had heartworm positive dogs, one with a congenital heart defect, hearing impaired, blind, many Lyme positives and a TON of senior dogs who often require a dental procedure. AND cats and kittens galore. They are everywhere. We've had kittens with severe eye infections so bad they've had to remove the eye, feline leukemia, upper respiratory infections and the list goes on and on. PPAR is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that runs on donations. We have no physical location, which allows us to put 100% of donations towards the care of these animals.

Being foster based, we are always in need of families willing to foster. PPAR covers ALL medical expenses and provides all necessities. You provide basic training and a safe, loving environment.

All of our animals are vetted, heartworm/Lyme tested (dogs), FIV/FeLV tested (cats), flea treated, dewormed and spayed/neutered. Our adoption fees do not even begin to cover the cost of our vet bills.

To learn more, you can find Pawz & Purrz Animal Rescue on Facebook or www.pawzandpurrz.org.

NOTE: Pawz & Purrz Animal Rescue is not affiliated with or an extension of any other rescue/shelter in the area.



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We would like to send a special thank you out to our Events Coordinator, Brenda Boynton.

When Brenda accepted this role, she ran with it. She's always on the go and coming up with new and exciting events to help raise awareness of our organization and the plight of homeless animals. We know at times we probably drive her totally insane. With everyone going in different directions, it's a tough job just keeping us in line and making sure we are where we are supposed to be.

Not only is she our Events Coordinator but Brenda, along with her husband Bill, are foster parents to several of our fur babies.

Brenda (and Bill!) we want to say thank you for your hard work and dedication to helping make life better for animals in our community. We truly appreciate everything you have done to help PPAR.

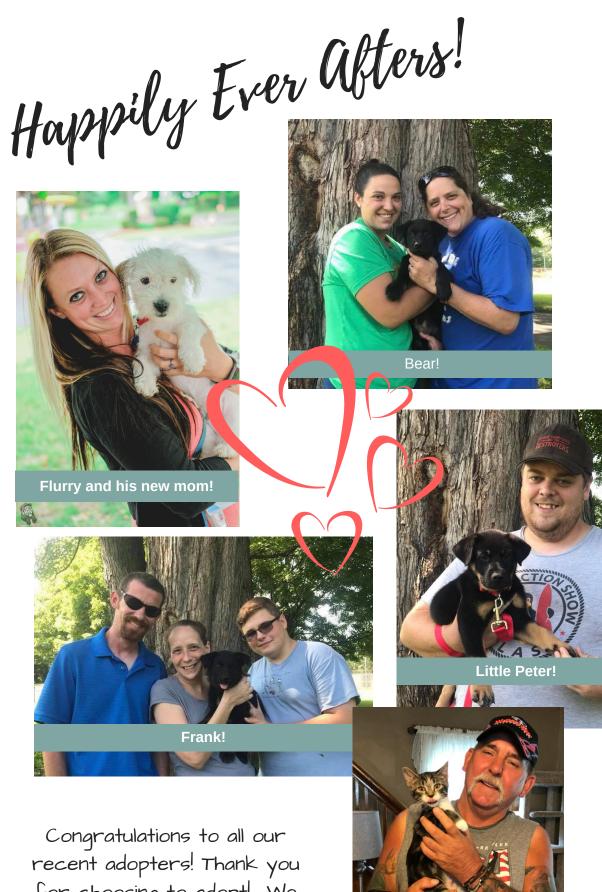
How Your Donations Helped (Jan. 2018 - present) 137 Dogs/Puppies SAVED

179 Cats/Kittens SAVED

= \$33,269.37 in Veterinary Costs THANK YOU



ANIMALS ARE SUCH AGREEABLE FRIENDS — THEY ASK NO QUESTIONS, THEY PASS NO CRITICISMS. - GEORGE ELIOT



for choosing to adopt! We wish you all very best!!

Maddy!

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# Want to Help PPAR?

### Have Returnables?

Drop off your cans & bottles at Rey's Redemption Center at 360 Pulteney Street in Corning or Beartown Beverage at 3 Beartown Rd in Painted Post.



### **Can't Foster?**

Volunteer! We are always in need of volunteers to assist at events, transporting an animal to appointment/events or conduct home visits.



### Donate!

No donation is too small. Every dollar helps purchase food, cover medical bills, toys, treats, flea treatments or other necessities a foster may have.

