



Winter 2023

The Yowler

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A Redesign for the Times

As we come to the end of 2023, I am inspired by how far we have come in a year. In late September, we began a large renovation project which had been on our long term agenda for many months. A generous donation from the estate of a long-time supporter allowed us to finally get this important initiative started. We have also received many additional and thoughtful donations specifically earmarked to our improvements which



has allowed us to make the changes needed for a cleaner, safer and more enjoyable environment for the volunteers, potential adopters, and our kitties!

When we first started demolition, we realized very quickly that what was behind the walls and ceilings required a full restoration. In the last few weeks we have completely replaced the electrical system, upgraded the insulation, opened up a wall for a larger reception/office area, painted, created many new efficient storage areas and more.



You will immediately notice upon entering the shelter a fresh new space which is much more efficient and inviting. We have also

designed and installed new cabinets and countertops in our new Special Care Room (used to isolate sick cats), the new Treatment Room (for administering shots and other basic necessary procedures), as well as the kitchen area. The four new isolation units in the Special Care Room will each be self-contained so we will be able to take in more cats in critical need of care.

We encountered some unexpected delays, as often happens, and thus the renovations have taken longer than anticipated. However, this extra time has afforded us the opportunity to really modernize and maximize our space.



I would like to say thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the packing and moving. A special thank you to Don, who has been incredibly helpful in providing insight on the idiosyncrasies of the building, cleaning out some clutter, and continuing to run the bottles and cans program!



I would also like to welcome Carly Becker, our new Shelter Operations Manager. Carly started in August and was immediately assigned to assist with this important project. She is also working on streamlining our record retaining process and organizing the shelter. Carly has an amazing background in animal care. She is a Veterinary Technician and will be able to do a lot "in house" to save on veterinary and transportation costs. Please see Carly's article in this newsletter for her background and ideas for moving forward.

We are looking forward to the future and what 2024 will bring!

By Ann Marie Beaudoin,
HSAR President



Volunteers Needed!

HSAR is in need of shift volunteers. If you love cats and have a couple of hours a week, please contact us for more info: 781-925-3121 or info@hsar.org



Wishing you all a happy holiday season from HSAR and our feline residents.

Thank you for your support!



Growing with Gratitude



HSAR is approaching its 30th anniversary in 2024, so this season of gratitude seemed like a perfect time to reflect on the growth of HSAR and the incredible supporters who made it happen.

As a result of the no kill shelter movement birthed in the 1990's, HSAR was formed by a group of concerned locals to address the overpopulation and euthanizing of healthy cats in Hull. Though they had little experience, their passionate dedication led to the beginning of a small Trap/Neuter/Release program, as well as a foster program for animals with more complex needs. Over the years, our reach has expanded significantly from Hull to surrounding communities.

Needs increased over the years, and it was through several fundraising efforts and generous donations that we were able to secure our first shelter at L Street in 2004. Though it was a modest space, it was a perfect start. It's through these same fundraisers and extremely considerate donations that we were able to expand our

operations and secure the mortgage on our property in the center of town in 2015.

Without the commitment, kindness, and generosity of our donors and volunteers, we would not be able to do the essential work we do today. It is through the contributions of the community that we have been able to expand the shelter and increase our impact. HSAR is so grateful for all contributions, large and small. Community is an essential factor in our ability to do this work, and the kindness of those who support our cause is never overlooked.

We are so excited to re-open after the completion of renovations. The support we have been given throughout this process has been extraordinary. We are so thankful that we will be able to continue our mission of rescuing and rehoming cats.

Thank you so much for your tremendous support throughout our renovation project. We are so excited that our new space will provide a safe and welcoming shelter for cats in need for years to come.

By Liz Lacava,
HSAR Volunteer

Milestones



2023
Redesigned and renovated shelter

2019
Celebrated its 20th Anniversary



2015
Purchased building at 487 Nantasket Ave

2009
Added an additional cat room and bigger office space



2004
Rented L Street space - 3 rooms and office

Welcome to HSAR, Carly!

Carly Becker joined the Hull Seaside Animal Rescue team as Shelter Operations Manager in August 2023 having worked as a veterinary technician for the last ten years. After a fulfilling career of helping animals in a medical setting, Carly was ready for a change of pace without compromising her passion for helping animals. She was most drawn to the position at HSAR because of HSAR's unique approach to the emotional welfare of cats in their care with its "cage-free" environment.



With certifications in Fear Free techniques and Basic & Advanced Life Support, Carly knew she could contribute to fostering a low-stress environment at HSAR – both in regard to treating and handling cats, as well as socializing those who may require a little extra patience and time to settle.

Carly joined the team at the beginning of the renovation project and has worked to ensure that the improved facility will have appropriate space to house sick animals in a separate, comfortable quarantine room. Carly was also helpful in

designing the Treatment Room to better facilitate routine medical care for all our cats, including vaccinations, deworming, and combo testing. Carly's mission as Shelter Operations Manager is to provide the best care possible to all cats, to increase the volunteer base, and to initiate new community events in order to expand support for HSAR. Additionally, she is working toward transitioning the rescue from a paper-based record system to an electronic one in an effort to reduce waste and streamline intake, adoption, fostering, and volunteer application processes.

When not at the rescue, Carly can be found studying toward her degree in Zoology, spending time with her eclectic menagerie of pets at home in Scituate, and planning her next travel adventure.

Welcome aboard, Carly! We are happy to have you at HSAR.

Fear Free Certification



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The Fear Free Veterinary Certification Program teaches techniques which help prevent and alleviate fear, anxiety, and stress in pets by inspiring and educating the people who care for them. Ask your veterinarian if they are Fear Free Certified.



Yowler Success Stories - from Various Perspectives

Written by
Adopter, Pat Laliberte

When I lost my last cat suddenly to kidney disease in August, I found that I was feeling lost in the house without her. I just missed the companionship so much. Then I saw the article about Rosita in the local paper, so I reached out to Judy, the adoption coordinator at HSAR, and asked to meet Rosita to see if she could be “the one” for me.



When I arrived at the shelter to meet her, the staff told me that they had just discovered that Rosita was totally deaf. It was a surprise, but not a deterrent to the adoption. In fact, it made me want to provide a good home for her even more.

When I came to pick her up, I put the carrier down on the floor in the room, and she immediately got inside it as if to say, “Let’s go home Mum!” Once home, without hesitation, she explored her new surroundings and settled into my house, feeling totally comfortable here.

I began right away to train Rosita, now called Rosie, with hand signals. She has learned to respond to *hi, come, down, no, and all gone* – most of the time. I still talk to her constantly when

she is looking at me and, by her reactions, I know that she reads facial expressions too. Rosie loves to look out the windows into the yard. Both upstairs and downstairs there are windows and sliding glass doors where she can sit and watch the birds at the feeders. When she’s not looking out windows or sleeping on my bed, she is right here by my side as I sit at my desk in the workroom.



She is not only soft as silk with gorgeous green eyes but also smart, curious, loves to play and is a joy in my life... I smile every time I look at her!

Her meow is incredibly loud - especially when she wants food, or play time, or catnip in her bed. There is never any question as to what she is demanding and, like a good Mum, I always obey.

I am so happy with her and I can’t thank HSAR enough for your help in adopting this wonderful fur-baby... please know that she will be constantly loved and cared for with great affection.

Facts about Cats...

Did you know?

A cat’s nose print is unique like a human’s fingerprint



Written by
Volunteer, Sarah Rickard

We recently had a lovely 7-year old girl named Keely arrive at HSAR after her owner could no longer care for her. After finding herself at the shelter in such an unfamiliar place, she felt a bit out of sorts. In order to cope with this sudden change in environment, Keely spent most of her time in the familiar space of her soft cat carrier. In fact, for the first few days, she wouldn’t eat much of her food.

Despite these struggles, she was an incredibly sweet cat. She would more often than not remain in her carrier when our volunteers arrived, but she would never refuse a gentle pet or two. She absolutely adored having her soft fur brushed, purring immediately – and after a few moments would make her way out of the carrier. Before long, we discovered that she preferred paté and she began eating well. Over time she made incredible progress and grew ever more curious about her surroundings.

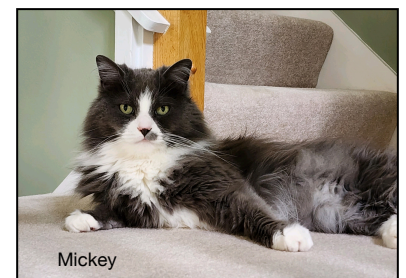


After a few weeks at our shelter, she was adopted into her forever home. It’s special when a grieving cat finds a new home with someone patient and understanding of her situation.

Keely’s new owner reports that after about a month of letting her adjust at her own pace, she has come into her own and is a very affectionate and loving gal!

“Written” by
an HSAR former feline resident

Hi, my name is Mickey. I was 6 years old when I was adopted from HSAR and I’m now a sprightly senior going on 12! Although I don’t like being held much, I do love to play: my favorite game being “chase.” Up and down the stairs we go, it keeps me and my adopted “Dad” young and fit! Yes, as I look upon my “kingdom,” I can truly claim mine is a success story and that I happily landed on all four paws!



Kittendales

A “Paws” for Kittendales

Due to renovations and temporary closure of the shelter, there will be a pause in production of HSAR’s Kittendales Calendar for 2024...for the first time in 16 years!

We hope to be back in 2025 with more guys and more kittens!

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Carly Becker

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Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax exempt organization which rescues and places homeless cats and assists in the care and control of the local feral cat population of Hull and surrounding towns. We are a no-kill cat shelter, founded in 1999 by a handful of concerned citizens that understood the need to establish an animal rescue and shelter program. We have grown over the years and now boast over 50 volunteers with a part-time paid shelter manager. The shelter exists predominantly on donations, fundraising events, grants, and bottle/can collection and redemption.

Ways to Donate

- Donate with PayPal or credit card at www.hsar.org
- Send a check with the enclosed envelope.
- Purchase HSAR merchandise at the shelter or online.
- Drop off redeemable cans/bottles.

Thank you to all of our donors!



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