

HULL Seaside ANIMAL RESCUE

501(c)(3) Non-profit

No-kill Shelter

Why to Spay & Neuter Your Pets

If you are questioning whether or not to spay or neuter your pet, here are some reasons why it's just the right thing to do.

The first and obvious reason to spay & neuter your pet is the direct impact you have on controlling the overpopulation of cats and dogs. Female cats go into heat from about January through September. The gestation period is about 3 months and, if you do the math, a female cat can produce up to 100 kittens over the course of 7 years. Your unneutered male can produce hundreds of litters, and you may never even know it.

Another benefit is directly related to your pet's health. By spaying your female cat, you can reduce the risk of uterine infection by up to 90%, according to the ASPCA. In addition, you can prevent testicular cancer in male cats by neutering them. There are also behavioral benefits. For a female cat, spaying will stop her from entering her heat cycle. Females in heat can be restless and roam around the house yowling at all hours. Neutering a male will prevent him from marking his territory in the house with a pungent smell of urine.

It's a myth that cats and dogs that are spayed and neutered tend to become overweight. This is simply not true. Improper diet and lack of exercise are the cause of obese pets. And if you spay and neuter your cat or dog, they typically live longer, healthier lives.

It's part of our mission at HSAR to aid in the fight against overpopulation and homeless pets. Many shelters, including HSAR, spay and neuter as early as 8 weeks or 2 pounds, prior to the pet leaving the shelter to go to its forever home. In general, it's recommended that you alter your pet anywhere from 8 weeks to 6 months. We offer low cost spay & neuter services for your cat or small dog here at our shelter with J.M. Pet Vet.

Do the right thing. Get your cat or dog spayed & neutered because your pet will be happier and live a longer, healthier life! Please contact the shelter by phone or check our website (www.hsar.org) for upcoming spay & neuter dates.



"No Flea" Flea Market Fundraiser

Saturday, June 10th

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

HSAR 🐾 487 Nantasket Ave. Hull

(Rain Date Sunday, June 11th)

Need some new stuff to replace the old stuff? Looking for a bargain? Want to help needy cats and kittens?!

Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is having its Spring "No Flea" Flea Market. Last year our two flea markets turned out to be hugely successful fundraisers. This year will be even bigger!

Who knows what you'll find? Last year we sold a shower unit, armoire, framed art, porcelain figures, tech gear, sporting equipment, and clothing.

Want to help? You can come fill your shopping cart or you can donate items. No matter which, proceeds will help us buy a new HVAC system. Help keep the cats cozy in the winter and comfy in the summer. For Info: 781-925-3121

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Dear Friends,

As we approach another beautiful summer in Hull, HSAR finds itself in an enviable position. 2016 was an amazing year in which we adopted out 190 cats and kittens to happy homes. We also introduced fundraising events which were hugely successful, generating both income and fun times. Our first yard sale of 2017 is only weeks away - our "No Fleas" Flea Market for the cats. You can help by donating items or purchasing that special treasure. Every cent raised goes to help the kitties!

Our new shelter is a lovely sight to see. The large picture windows in the front allow passers-by to see our sweetest, furry residents. The flower boxes are lovingly populated with colorful spring flowers. Our new roof not only looks great but protects our formerly homeless felines from the cold of winter and the heat of summer.

However, every new house needs renovations to make it a home, and ours is no different. The new roof and windows will be more efficient when we update our HVAC system. Presently, we have six rooms for the cats which, in both winter and summer, range from toasty to chilly. It is time to make our climate control system more effective. Efficiency will not only make kitties and volunteers happier but will save HSAR money.

Your support over the years has brought HSAR to where it is today - a thriving no-kill shelter for cats who have no where else to go. Without HSAR, 14 year-old Blanca would have no chance for a forever home, Emmy would have become pregnant and had kittens born outside, and Loomis would have been outside for the worst snow storm of the winter. You have made such difference.

Please donate to our HVAC Fund. A new system will likely cost more than \$7,000. However, this investment will keep the feline residents of HSAR in climate controlled comfort for years to come, and make the shelter energy efficient in the process. As always, thank you for your generosity.

In gratitude,
Maura Norton
HSAR President



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Raising Fund\$ One Ni¢kel at a Time!

Recycle your returnable bottles and cans and help HSAR. Currently there are white bins in front of the shelter, as well as at A Street Liquors, where folks can place returnables. Now Don Gilbert, our Recycling Manager, has worked very hard to expand this profitable program for the shelter. If you can't get to the white bins, he will come to you!



A few area businesses have agreed to donate their cans and bottles to support the shelter. In fact, Don is available every weekday from 2-5 pm to come to your home or business to pick up the cans and bottles for free! Thank you Don and your recycling crew for all you do to make this program a huge success! You can contact Don at 781-783-7274. *By Rob Mosher*



Thank you to Our Dedicated Volunteers!

On April 2, HSAR held its Annual Meeting and Appreciation Party. Volunteers were treated to a special lunch, celebratory cake, and door prizes. Volunteers gathered together to share stories of the cats in their care and socialize with fellow shift members. It's not often we can all come together - shift volunteers, recycle crew, and board members. You're the cat's meow! (Photo: Chloe, Anne & Charles Williams)

Tales of Courage and Survival: Loomis & Blanca

Courage comes to mind when you hear Loomis' story. This husky four year old boy has thick orange fur and beautiful white markings which swirl around his handsome face. His soft green eyes gaze at you with interest as well as caution, telling you that life has been difficult for him.

In Watertown last October, Loomis introduced himself to a kind young man by sitting upon a retaining wall each night, waiting for him to arrive home from working the second shift. This young man called our shelter for help. After ten weeks of tracking Loomis, he was finally rescued during a snow storm while making his nightly rounds in search of food. It is believed Loomis was abandoned during the winter of 2015. He stayed at what was once his home, living discreetly under the porch hoping for the return of the only family he once knew. With the collaborative efforts from a local trapper, nearby shelter, and animal control officer, Loomis was rescued and brought to HSAR.

Loomis possesses a brave heart and a strong desire to live and love despite his struggles. Once at the shelter, he was diagnosed with an upper respiratory

infection, a broken tooth, a stress-induced herpes eye infection, and a moderate heart murmur. Despite multiple trips to various veterinary hospitals, he remained friendly



but shy. After two months at the shelter with no offers of adoption, one of our volunteers took him home. It was there that he blossomed into an incredibly affectionate and playful kitty who fully engages with his four adopted siblings. Despite twice daily doses of medication, he cuddles with his pet parents and PURRS almost non-stop. He sleeps on the bed and lines up for his ration of Temptation Treats twice a day. He talks when he wants attention and loves being held. It is obvious that he appreciates his new home but even more obvious that his adopted parents and siblings are incredibly happy that he has joined their household.

By Deb Cartwright, Sally Lovett, and Bea Long

Meet Blanca, a beautiful and totally affectionate lap cat with a very sad story to tell. Unfortunately, Blanca was neglected in her former home. She was never spayed, which meant she had quite a few litters. When it was decided that she was no longer wanted,



Blanca was suddenly left outside, alone and frightened, with no one caring about her or sharing all the love she has to give.

Though Blanca is fourteen years old, she

gives and craves love just like a kitten. Her serene and peaceful nature is so endearing. With white fur that is brushed with a touch of grey around her ears and top of her head and golden, pale green eyes, she is a beautiful girl who just deserves so much love.

Blanca needs a home that is quiet and calm with no other pets. Since Blanca has been bullied by other cats, she will need a promise and commitment to be the only pet in her new forever home. Someone who has time to spend doting on her would be purrrrrfect! Call Judy to meet this love! 781-534-4902

By Paula Fatersik

Yes, I want to donate to HSAR.

Please complete the form below and enclose your tax-deductible check or money order.

Name: _____

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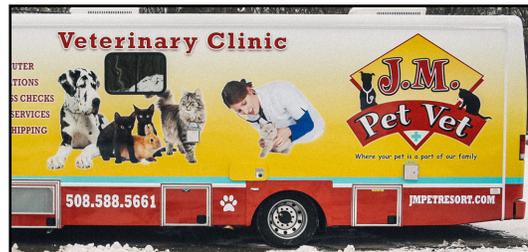
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Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax exempt organization which rescues and places homeless cats and assists in the care and control of the local feral cat population of Hull and surrounding towns. We are a no-kill cat shelter, 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 60 volunteers with a part-time paid shelter manager. The shelter exists solely on donations, fundraising events, grants, and bottle/can collection and redemption.



Our next spay & neuter clinic is Tuesday, June 13. Call J.M. Pet Vet 508-588-5661

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