

# WATERTOWN TAILS

The Watertown Humane Society newsletter.

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## VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE SERVICE MILESTONE IN 2020

The Watertown Humane Society recognizes that every single one of our volunteers are a critical and equally valuable piece in the shelter puzzle, completing our team and allowing us to function efficiently each day. It's worth noting that last year a few of our volunteers reached service milestones, as outlined by the Presidential Volunteer Service Award Program.

In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. The PVSA has continued under each administration, honoring the volunteers who are using their time and talents to solve some of the toughest challenges facing our nation. Led by the AmeriCorps and managed in partnership with Points of Light, this program allows Certifying Organizations to recognize their volunteers.

From July through December of 2020, four of our volunteers met the requirements for the Bronze level of service achievement in the Adult age group recognized by the PVSA program; one volunteer met the requirements for the Bronze level

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in the Young Adult age group; and one volunteer met the requirements for the Gold level of service in the Teen age group. The following volunteers completed the necessary hours of volunteer service in a 12 month period:

**Donna H** provided 181.5 hours serving as a feline attendant, feeding and grooming our cats 5 days per week. She also serves as a shelter liaison for one of our feline foster homes. Donna reached the Bronze level of service in the Adult category.

**Gillian M** provided 131.5 hours serving as a feline attendant on Tuesdays and Fridays each week. She also assists occasionally with the care of our canines, and she writes thank you notes to our donors. Gillian reached the Bronze level of service in the Adult category.

**Nancy S** provided 118.75 hours serving as a shelter support crew member on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays each week. She also filled the volunteer shift on some holidays. She deep cleans cat rooms, does laundry and cleans litter boxes, and helps take care of countless other odd tasks involving cleaning and organizing around the shelter. Nancy reached the Bronze level of service in the Adult category.

**Robin W.** and her daughters, **Maddie** and **Ella**, each provided an estimated 160 hours of service between July and December last year. Their volunteer efforts include fostering kittens (30 kittens and 2 mama cats in 2020), taking adorable promotional photos and videos of their kitties for the shelter’s social media platforms, and other various promotional needs at our shelter. Maddie was also the exceptional artist behind our pet portrait GIF fundraiser last summer. Robin reached the Bronze level of service in the Adult category; Maddie reached the Gold level of service in the Teen category; and Ella reached the Bronze level of service in the Young Adult category.



Back row, left to right: Ella, Maddie, Robin, and Nancy  
Front row, left to right: Donna and Gillian

**RETURN  
TO OWNER**

**70**



**WATERTOWN  
HUMANE SOCIETY**

*Little Shelter, Big Heart*

**2020....**

we helped 857  
animals

**NO. OF  
KITTENS  
FOSTERED**

**200**



**DOGS  
ADOPTED**



**161**

**CATS  
ADOPTED**



**426**



**DOGS  
TRANSFERRED  
FROM THE  
SOUTH**

**128**

**NO. OF NEW  
VOLUNTEERS**



**24**



# CAT PORTALS ALLOW FOR MORE, CLEANER SPACE FOR CATS

The Watertown Humane Society's Animal Care team has been working hard to get cat portals installed in each existing cat kennel thanks to the grant provided from the ASPCA Northern Tier Shelter Initiative. Cat portals allow existing cat kennels to be transformed into double compartment cat condos. The benefit is this allows for a separation of their food, bedding, and litter which makes the cat more comfortable and provides them a much cleaner space to reside. The Watertown Humane Society animal care staff has been working hard to make positive changes to their care procedures in order to reduce the feline population in building. This dedication has allowed space for the portals to be installed.



Adoptable pet Truly tests out cat portals

## 80 MICROCHIPS FOR LOST PETS SPONSORED

In an effort to ensure dogs in the Watertown area are kept safe and returned home, Lost Dogs of Wisconsin has graciously sponsored the cost of microchips for 80 reclaimed pets! When a lost dog or cat comes into our shelter and then reunited with their owner, this generous opportunity will allow the animal to be microchipped at no cost. Thank you so much for this incredible sponsorship, Lost Pets of WI! More information on this great organization can be found on their website: [www.lostdogsofwisconsin.org](http://www.lostdogsofwisconsin.org)



## Wish List

Walmart, Tractor Supply Gift Cards

Purina One Kitten Chow

Purina One Cat Chow

Durable/Tough Chewer Dog Toys/Chews

Dog Training Treats

Peanut Butter

Hand Soap

Laundry Detergent

Dishwasher Pods

Purina One Dog Chow

Purina One Puppy Chow

Cat Toys

Small martingale(non-slip) collars

White Copy Paper

Blue Pocket Folders

Postage Stamps

Volunteers

Foster Homes

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events are subject to change in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines. Refer to the Watertown Humane Society's Facebook page for the most current information.

## PINTS 4 PAWS

March 6th, 2021

This year our Pints 4 Paws is going virtual and we invite you to bring home local foods to enjoy while joining us in a game of music bingo beginning at 7pm. An online auction will be held from March 1-6th. **Deadline to order food and baskets is February 25th.**

Pint & Pizza baskets are \$25 with many other goodies to choose from. Lebbys, Kraemers, and Pernat's are just to name a few!

For more information, visit: [www.whsadopt.org/pints](http://www.whsadopt.org/pints)



## VIRTUAL KITTEN SHOWER

APRIL 1-30TH

Last spring we took in 200 kittens! You read that right...in a matter of just a few months, we had more kittens than we have ever taken in. As you can imagine, the expenses related to each kitten quickly adds up. This year, we will once again be hosting an online kitten shower! We will need a stock pile of kitten food and formula as we get ready to once again take in many kittens again this year. Watch our Facebook page for more info!



## ONLINE STORE NOW OPEN!

We are excited to have be launched our new online store! From t-shirts, to mugs, to tote bags, there truly is something for everyone. Show your support of WHS with some new swag! To see all of the new items we have in stock, visit: [www.whsadopt.myprintful.com](http://www.whsadopt.myprintful.com)



# PARTNERSHIP WITH SHILOH'S ROAD TO HOPE CONTINUES TO OFFER HOPE TO HOMELESS DOGS

For over 3 years, our shelter has partnered with Shiloh's Road to Hope bringing homeless pets from the south to our shelter for their new chance at finding their forever homes. Shiloh's Road to Hope began when James took a chance on Shiloh and adopted her from from a kill shelter in Texas. James retired, purchased an RV and he and Shiloh set off to transport dogs in kill shelters to shelters all over the country, helping them find their forever families. We are so incredibly lucky to partner with such an amazing group. Last year, we were able to save 128 dogs thanks to our partnership with Shiloh's Road to Hope. We look forward to working with them again this year as we bridge the gap between homeless pets looking for a loving home.



Driven by a dedicated volunteer, one of the Shiloh-mobiles gets ready for a road trip to save unwanted dogs.

## BUY A NEW HOUSE, HELP A SHELTER PET!

Kathy Polensky serves as treasurer on the Watertown Humane Society Board of Directors. She also is a realtor with Realty Executives. Those who personally know Kathy know how passionate she is for saving animals and how fond of her WHS alum Otis she is. Kathy has offered to donate \$100 for each closing that mentions this ad so be sure to pass on to family and friends who are in the market to buy or sell. Kathy can be reached at 920-988-9596 or [kathy.polensky@replatinum.com](mailto:kathy.polensky@replatinum.com)



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## MEET YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND

Looking for a new pet to join your family? Our shelter has many adoptable pets looking for their forever home. Check out all our adoptable pets on our website: [www.whsadopt.org/adopt](http://www.whsadopt.org/adopt)



Sarge



Janelle



Chuck



Elwood



# SHARE YOUR STORY!

Have an adoption story you'd like to share? Email Jenny at [giving@whsadopt.org](mailto:giving@whsadopt.org) to possibly be featured in an upcoming newsletter!

## HALO



"Adam and I wanted a dog for a long time. We bought a house in September and could finally start looking. We saw Halo and wanted her. We are both from Watertown, met in Watertown and it was 10 days before Christmas that Halo came home. I was SO thorough in my application because I fell in love with her face... now I'm in love with her cuddly, funny, playful self! We are blessed to have Halo make us a family and our house into a home!"

## KITA

"2020 brought something really great for Alumni Kita. She finally decided to allow a friend into her life. We had tried to introduce her to another guinea pig for some time, and that included Anna with no luck and Kita would have none of it. However time and persistence paid off and Kita adores the elder Anna, and Anna loves having a partner again since her friend Eva passed away."



## FIG and LUNA

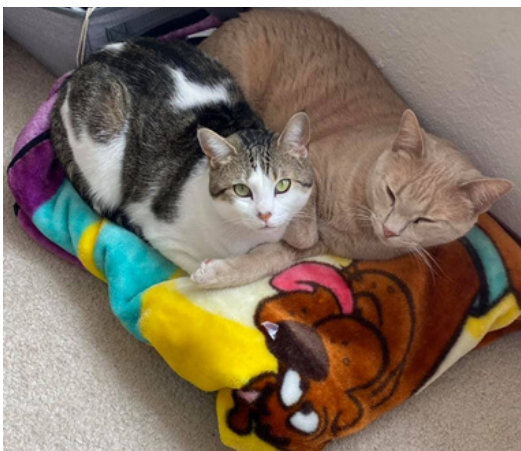


Fig was with WHS pretty much his whole life. We fell in love with his pictures, but knew he would be a challenge, as we were warned he was EXTREMELY anti-social. When we came in to see him we knew we wanted a friend for him. Luna (formerly Belle) walked right up to us to meet us, and when we saw her check on Fig too we knew what to do. Luna is still Fig's "protector". She loves playing with her ball toy! The past 9 months have had their share of challenges. Both are still a little skittish, but both allow us to pet them, and Fig even comes up on the bed occasionally! So glad we gave these two an opportunity to find their forever home!

