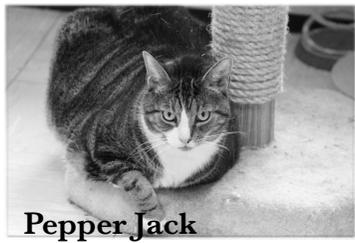


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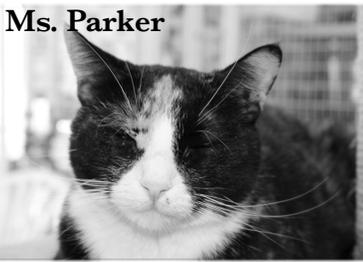
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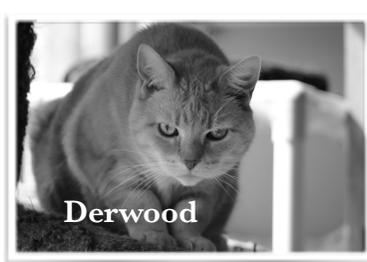
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**Patsy and Edina**



**Leone**



**Derwood**



**Magic**

## *2015, A Banner Year For Adults*

Although 2015 was a year full of kittens, it will be remembered as the year of the adult for HAAL. This year we saw some of our long time residents find their forever homes. We are so thankful for the adopters who came in and wanted to give an adult a chance. This included 13 year old Tabitha who had been at HAAL for 8 years. and 10 year old S'mores. The two girls went home together. Also finding forever homes this year was 8 year old Derwood, 7 year old Leone, 10 year old brothers Monterey Jack and Pepper Jack, 5 year old Magic, and 10 year old Isabella. Let's not forget mother daughter duo Patsy and Edina, sweet Gretchen, calicos Amelia and Ms. Parker and beautiful Slaty Blue. We wish all of our adoptive families a happy holiday and a purrfect New Year.

## Happy Retirement Janyce!

HAAL would like to take some time to wish Board member Janyce LoVico a happy retirement and move. Janyce has been with HAAL for almost 20 years. Janyce often took in the special needs cats from the shelter. She was also known as the phantom phlebotomist as she would come into the shelter at night to do blood testing on kittens and new cats.

She has been involved in animal rescue since 1988 and worked as a veterinary technician for many years. Janyce will always be remembered for her saying “you are the cutest one, something she said to every kitten she held. Her friendship, knowledge and expertise will be greatly missed, but thanks to Skype, she will only be a video chat away if we need her. Several former HAAL cats and one rescue dog will be traveling with her to their new home in Cape Cod!



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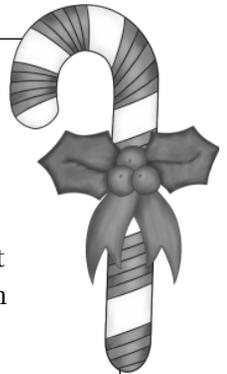


Join us for our annual pictures with Santa and **HAAL** reunion  
December 12th & 13th  
12:00 - 4:00 PM

## Holiday Safety

Keep your kitty stress free and safe during the holiday season.

- Provide a quiet room away from guests and noise, with litter box and food.
- Make sure your guests know that a cat is in the house and to be vigilant when opening and closing doors.
- In case of an accidental escape make sure your cat is wearing a collar and ID tag.



# One Lucky Black Cat

It was my first day back at work for the fall, sitting in the mandatory teacher meetings when I got the call. A cat had been thrown down a trash shoot in an apartment complex.



She had gotten caught up in some pipes above the incinerator. So how do you concentrate on meetings when all you see in you head is this horrible image. Our volunteer who was on the scene assisted in getting the cat down and out, and we were able to get her in the shelter within the hour.

After school I got to meet Gladys, our lucky little girl. She was a sweet 5 month old black kitten. Purring and comfortable, barely showing any signs of the trauma she had just endured. How can people be so cruel?

Gladys had a horrible beginning, but we know she will have a beautiful ending. She will find her forever family, who will love her, cherish her always and never throw her away.

# Maddie's Journey

Maddie's journey started four years ago when she was diagnosed with CRF. CRF stands for chronic renal failure. It is a much too common disorder often found in older cats. Diet and supplements can slow it down, as can sub-cutaneous fluids. Eventually though the kidneys stop functioning.



Maddie was only five years old when she was diagnosed. We had to make a decision on how to deal with it. We started with diet but soon saw a deterioration.

Next we tried sub-cutaneous fluids. If the cat is willing, this is a 5 minute procedure. If the cat is not, it can take a long time and be quite stressful for cat and human. Of course Maddie was not willing to do it at the shelter. So off we went, twice a week to our veterinarian's for fluids. All went well, as long as we could get her in a carrier. Often it became a chase around the shelter until one of us got tired.



Her kidney values improved with scheduled fluids, but the traveling twice a week was very stressful. So we tried fluids at the shelter again. Although not successful every time, we did start a routine and Maddie continued to enjoy a good quality of life. She was

able to stay with her cage mate whom she was very close to.

Last year, Maddie started to deteriorate again, and this time we knew it would be just a matter of time. So on the day of the predicted blizzard in January, a volunteer took Maddie home for what she thought were her last days. At home Maddie started to receive fluids daily and started to improve. She never gained weight, but was more comfortable and happy. Maddie continued to have a good quality of life for the next 9 months and got to experience sleeping on an enclosed balcony during the hot summer days. She was even reunited with her former cage mate when she too came to stay at the volunteer's home after surgery.



It's December and Maddie's journey has come to an end. We are so happy that she got to have a home and a family to call her own. She has taught us a lot about perseverance and enjoying every moment.

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !

Everyone at HAAL would like to give a special "Thank You" to all of our friends (some listed below) for their continued donations, help and support.

Dr. Cameron and his staff at Cameron Animal Hospital; Dr. and Mrs. Salerno for their amazing support; Linda and Jaime for their generosity; Barbara McCavitt; Tina & Chuck; Dr. Nancy Katz and everyone at Katz & Dogs; Animal Kingdom; Dr. Brenda King; Prudential/Berkshire; Jack and PSE&G; Sharon and Wells Fargo; Lynne's Subaru; Dana Natale and her grant writing students; Our angel Amelia; and all of our volunteers and cage sponsors.

## We Couldn't Do It Without You !!

### Wish List

HAAL is in desperate need of funds and volunteers. Also anything that you can donate from the following list will be greatly appreciated.

- Cat litter made from recycled newspaper ( Yesterday's News)
- Clorox Bleach
- 6 inch paper plates
- HP564 Inkjet Cartridges
- postage stamps
- 3 mil. garbage bags
- paper towels
- (He) liquid laundry detergent or pods
- Clorox Wipes
- Nutrical
- Scott's Shop Paper Towels

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### In Loving Memory

Our beloved companions are waiting for us at  
The Rainbow Bridge

*With love we remember all of the pets, too many to name each one,  
that have left us. Our thoughts are with their guardians*



**Popi**

**Maddie**

**Nell**

**Winnie**

**Tagalong**

**Sammy**

