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The Cat's Meow

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As the holidays and New Year approach, our thoughts turn to the shelter residents who have been left behind countless times by the happy, visiting families looking for a new animal companion.

On December 19, 2001, **Natasha** and her sister Penelope were rescued and brought to MHAA. Merely six month old babies, they had been abandoned by the river, subjected to daily harassment by locals and were victims of attempted poisoning. Terrified and cowering, they gradually learned to adapt.

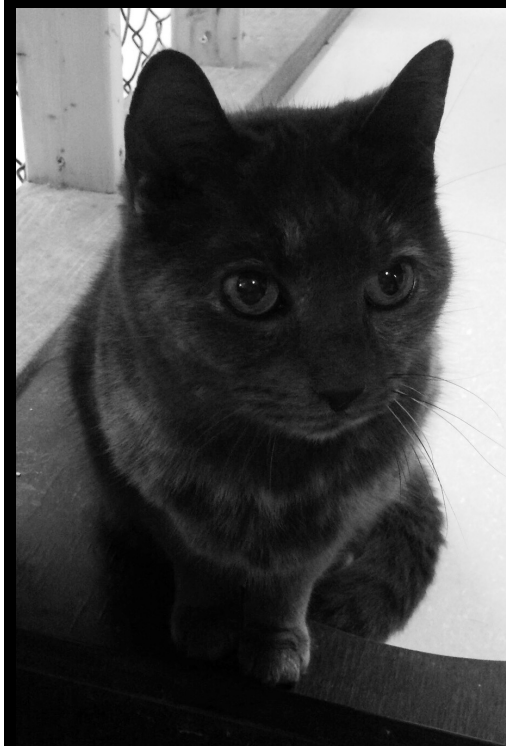
For thirteen years Natasha has sat on the cat walk of the Great Room longing to be chosen, wishing for a home. She has watched as countless others have been carried in loving arms to a new and promising life. As one holiday season turns into another, her hope of knowing the love and compassion of a forever home dwindles.

While Natasha has been more of a cat's cat than a people cat, at heart she wants nothing more than to be a cherished member of a family. With the one on one attention only a new Mom or Dad can provide, the memory of her tragic past could finally be left behind. As she approaches her twilight years, she deserves to know the pleasure of a warm home, special pillow and head rubs.

MHAA believes that there is a home for every cat and will never give up on Natasha. Somewhere, during this season of hope and compassion, Natasha's miracle is waiting.

With deepest gratitude, thank you for being such a reliable friend to animals.

Don Petruncola, MHAA President



What a wonderful thought, that maybe the best days of our lives haven't happened yet.

Over 4,700 days living at the sanctuary.

This holiday season, those of us who truly love animals must do all we can to relieve suffering.

You will never see a 'Pets on Death Row' notice at MHAA.



In October, six month old **Splendor** huddled under a street-side vehicle. A helpless baby hit by a car, she was found bleeding and frightened beyond belief. The car that hit her never stopped or gave a second thought to her life or well being. This young beauty was rescued by MHAA and cowered in her cage, traumatized by her ordeal. She had a broken leg, fractured pelvis and abrasions on her chin. Brought into the safety and warmth that your donations provide, she received veterinary care, pain medication and lots of TLC at MHAA.

Splendor is recuperating in the care of a wonderful vet, and three weeks after her surgery is energetic and feeling great. She is friendly and gets along with the foster dog and cats. She received laser treatment for her leg and got to wear wonderful magic goggles.

Sweet Splendor is a little shy but if you put her in your lap, she will reward you with snuggles and enthusiastic purrs. Nicknamed "Splendorable", she will make a wonderful pet if you give her a chance!

Rodan is recovering from a self created, infected abscess and needs monetary and emotional support. His despair is so great, that his best hope for healing is with a loving and patient family.

Emaciated and dehydrated, Rodan arrived at MHAA after weeks of trying to get out from under someone's deck. In the process, he caused serious injury to his leg and was at a major risk of sepsis. He had surgery to lance, debride and stitch up the infected abscess in his joint. At only five pounds, Rodan looked as if he was trying to make himself as small as possible to protect from the harshness of life. His heartbreaking look conveyed endless pain, fear, and desperation. After treating his immediate wounds, Rodan was treated for fluid in his abdomen and a form of blood borne pernicious anemia. He had had the infection in his legs going on for so long and was extremely emaciated from starvation, his body just couldn't keep up and mycoplasma started to cause him to be extraordinarily anemic.

Three months later Rodan is doing so much better. It is crucial to procure a quiet home with a family willing to shower him with attention and calm his fears. Rodan is ready to begin again in a forever home. Any family wishing to welcome Rodan into their home should email: info@midhudsonanimalaid.org.



Homeless, abused and neglected animals depend on MHAA.
We need to depend on you



to ensure that we have the funds to rescue, care for
and find loving homes for all of our cats.



Too many things in our society are disposable; animals are never one of them.