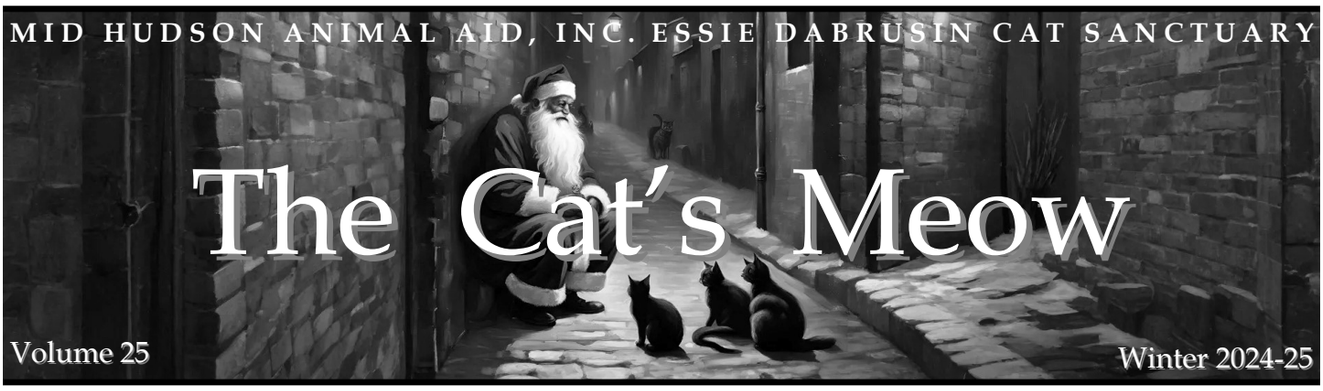
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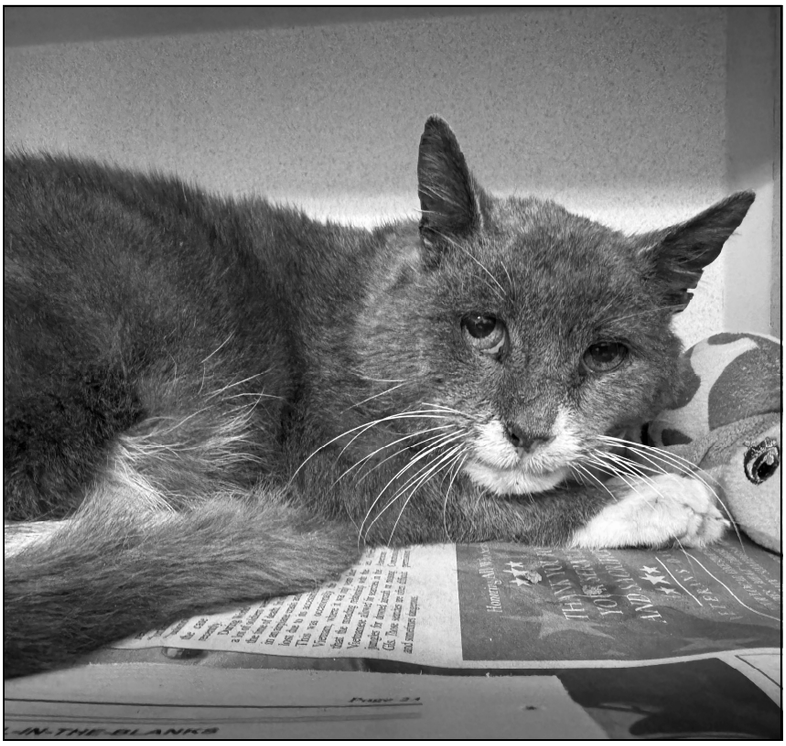


The Cat's Meow

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Teddy



Recently, a shy stray named Teddy was found with a suspected leg injury. He was brought to a vet that offers charity care for feral cats. Unfortunately, his visit was brief. He was neutered but left with his injury and a serious upper respiratory infection untreated. His injury includes two long broken toes that have healed over and are now fused and immobile. There are other open wounds, and we suspect Teddy may be older and suffering from renal issues. He is also FIV+.

Teddy has been placed in a loving foster home where he can receive the care and attention he desperately needs. His foster family is helping him socialize, assessing his mobility, and facilitating his recovery. We're still awaiting test and biopsy results, but we remain hopeful that with your help, we can give Teddy the chance he deserves for a healthy life.

This is where you come in. Thanks to donors like you, Root Beer Float (featured in our last newsletter) had life saving surgery, fully recovered, and will be spending his first Thanksgiving in a home. It's miracles like this that show us how much we can accomplish when we work together.

At MHAA, we know that our rescue is often the first place an animal experiences kindness. The warmth of a gentle hand reassuring a frightened cat lets them know that they are safe and loved. Our compassionate care-giving team works tirelessly to heal wounds, calm fears, and restore both health and trust. Every cat we rescue touches our hearts, and we strive to help each one find their path to a better life. This year we are facing a significant funding shortfall. Your contribution is urgently needed to ensure that we can continue our life-saving work and provide the love and care that these cats so desperately need. When you donate to MHAA, you are doing more than contributing to a cause - you are making a tangible difference in the lives of vulnerable, discarded cats. Your gift provides meals for hungry kittens, relieves pain, and offers hope to cats who have been abused or abandoned. You are giving these animals a chance to start fresh in the new year and to find the loving homes they deserve.

Our dedicated team of volunteers, fosters, board members, veterinarians, and staff often face challenges that appear insurmountable. But when we look into the eyes of a rescued cat, all the time, effort, and sacrifices we make are worthwhile. And it's supporters like you who allow us to continue this vital work. This holiday season, we ask you to give what truly matters: warmth, love and hope. Together, we can make sure that MHAA stays open and is able to assist countless more cats in 2025.

The staff and Board of MHAA thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued, generous support.

Don Petruncola, President
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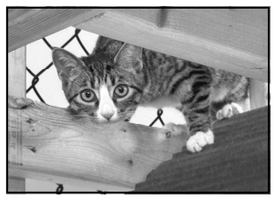
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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,
Although I have adjusted well to life back at MHAA, I would much prefer to be lounging on a newly folded clean basket of laundry. My golden years should be in a palace where I am the Queen, the one and only, and am admired and doted on all day long. My wish is to be told "my, how stunning you are", while being fed treats and getting lots of pets. Do you have a peaceful, loving home for me, Santa? I will be waiting in my window seat hoping.
Gratefully,
Rosie (the gorgeous long haired kitty)





Dear Santa,
I've never really asked for anything because just being cared for has meant everything to me. But as I get older, I feel an emptiness that only a forever home can fill. MHAA has always let me do things on my terms and loved me no matter what, and I appreciate all the time and energy the cat whisperers have invested to gain my trust. I have learned here that life *can* be wonderful. But after ***3,230*** days, I finally have the courage to believe in myself. I know I deserve a patient, forever home. My biggest wish is for someone special to choose me and my best pal, Ninja. Life on the couch. In a home. With my BFF. Please Santa, can you grant my Christmas wish?
Meowingly Yours,
Dominick

Dear Santa, Sir:
I think my best pal Dominick already spoke for me, but I would like to add a few things. I absolutely love other cats (especially Big Dom), and curling up next to him in a home of my own is beyond my wildest dreams. I have lived at MHAA for over ***3,310*** days. Longer than any other cat. All of my snuggle buddies have gone to forever homes. Do you think it will ever be my turn? Being an introvert is difficult, because inside I long to meet people and put my best paw forward. I am often overlooked due to my shyness, but I am loyal and kind and really hope my forever someone comes for me this Christmas.
Sandpaper kisses, **Ninja**
P.S. I have a cool white spot on the tip of my black tail. I am told it is unique. Maybe that will get me a home?
P.P.S. Thank you for helping me and Dominick. We love you!





Dear Santa,
My name is **Princess Fergie** and I am treated like royalty here. MHAA saved me from a harsh life as a single mom on the streets and found homes for all of my children. I am positive for FeLV, which means I need to be with other leukemia positive cats or an only cat. I would be a wonderful companion as I love other cats, people, playing, eating, you name it! I am up for anything! I currently share a small apartment with my friends Pigeon and Roni, but have heard that a forever home is amazing. So I'd like one of those, please, for Christmas.

Go Santa! **Fergie**

Foster families are the backbone of animal rescue. Can you find room in your home and heart for one more?
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