

# Eileen Hawthorne Fund for Animals Winter 2018



Helping Animals on the Mendocino Coast since 1984

## CAT STATS

**SPAY-NEUTER:  
OUR MOST  
IMPORTANT  
MISSION**

In 2018, we paid for:  
133 spays  
127 neuters  
**260 cats TOTAL\***

\*63 of these were feral.

Feral cats reproduce indiscriminately and wear themselves out with breeding. In addition, their kittens have a very high mortality rate. We strive to reduce this lonely and neglected population.

This year we targeted several colonies of abundant feral cats and kittens.

## EMERGENCY VETERINARY HELP

This year, EHF also helped with veterinary expenses for:  
64 cats &  
24 dogs (yes, dogs!)

Medical expenses increase every year and no animal should have to suffer due to lack of finances. EHF provides funding for office visits and some medical costs for low-income coastal residents in financial need.

## JANUARY: OLIVER'S LETTER



Any store named The Front Porch must have an official Front Porch Shop Cat, and for The Front Porch store in Fort Bragg, that cat is Oliver.

Last December, Oliver's owner called the Eileen Hawthorne Fund emergency number to report that Oliver was not doing well and was in some pain. It turned out Oliver needed expensive surgery for an unusual form of cat cancer.

Could we help?

Of course we could, we answered. Our Emergency Fund was created years ago for just these situations.

EHF contributed a portion of the cost at Detrick's Veterinary and suggested that other animal assistance organizations here on the coast could help cover the remainder of the costs. With everyone's support, both

January 24, 2018

To Eileen Hawthorne Fund, Second Chance, SOS, Coast Cat Project & Henry Dickson (my mom's favorite dog that I won't let play with me - he must love me anyway!)


Dear Caring, Warm, Fuzzy People,

I just wanted to drop by a note to tell you **THANK YOU** for your generosity in helping my human pay for my surgery. I wouldn't have been able to have the surgery without your help.

I am mending nicely and have the highest regard for Dr. Weiss and her staff at Detrick's. Mom was praying for help.

We are blessed to still have each other and so very blessed to live in a community of such caring humans.

Kitty Purrs & Snugs,

Oliver   
(& Laura)

emotional and financial, Oliver's surgery became possible. Local animal groups working together created a positive outcome for Oliver.

Oliver is doing well now. You can find him on North Main Street, doing official duty supervising The Front Porch.

Best of all, in January, Oliver himself wrote us the thank-you note you see above.



## FEBRUARY: WORLD SPAY/NEUTER AWARENESS MONTH

February 26 is World Spay Day. In honor of World Spay/Neuter Awareness Month, EHF offers entirely free (no co-pay!) spay/neuter vouchers all month long.

You can help! Organize your own awareness event, write a letter to the paper about the importance of spaying and neutering our pets and local ferals, donate to EHF, or help us locally.

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Or simply sign up with us to receive your own voucher in February. Find out more at the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association's website [hsvma.org/resources](http://hsvma.org/resources) or email us: [eventsEHF@gmail.com](mailto:eventsEHF@gmail.com).

### APRIL: EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

EHF had an informational booth at the 12th Annual Earth Day Festival on April 22 at the Noyo Food Forest.

A recent chat with a pest control specialist revealed that the mice and rat populations are burgeoning as more folks keep their cats indoors. On the other hand, it's well known that a proliferation of cats can put a dent in wild bird populations. Controlling ferals is beneficial to the local ecology; reducing the number of neglected or unwanted cats diminishes suffering on the planet. Just one more way we can all contribute to the health of our small blue world.

### MAY: CASPAR'S 10TH ANNUAL SPRING FLEA MARKET

EHF joined this annual fund-raising event on Memorial Day and Caspar's 4th Sunday breakfast at Caspar Community Center. This is a great opportunity for donors to contribute household items for a good cause and clean out the clutter.

We provided information on our services, talked about our cats and visitors' cats, accepted donations, and sold cat-themed goods.



### OUR MISSION:

To reduce the population of homeless and feral cats and to improve the lives of companion animals on the Mendocino coast.

### NEWS FROM THE BOARD

**Kacey Kelly** retired from the EHF board in September after serving five years as the board secretary; she first joined us as a volunteer in 2011, then took on the job of board secretary in 2013. Kacey always offered big smiles and useful suggestions to help us on our way. She will continue to help cats in the community in several capacities.

**Alex Pierangeli** has stepped up to take Kacey's place as board secretary.

**This year's EHF Board:** Joselyn Bartlett, President, Newsletter Editor; Alex Pierangeli, Secretary, Marketing/Social Media Coordinator, Newsletter Designer; Leslie Humphreys, Treasurer, Emergency Fund & Spay/Neuter Coordinator; Susan Johansen, Tabling Coordinator; Carol Miller, Feral Cat Expert.



Kacey Kelly and a friend.

**A clutter of cats?**

**We can help with spay/neuter vouchers!**

**CALL TODAY 707-969-PURR**

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### ADVERTISING

We've been running the ad on the left in the local papers in order to spread awareness of the help EHF provides to our community. The ad ran in the *Fort Bragg Advocate-News* through October and in the *Mendocino Beacon* in November. We plan to run ads regularly so that people who need help getting their cats spayed or neutered will know where to look for assistance.

Please point out our ads to your friends and acquaintances. Or just remind them to call **969-PURR!**

Leslie Humphreys at the Caspar Spring Flea Market.



**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH TO ALL OUR GENEROUS DONORS.**

<i>In Honor of</i>	<i>From</i>
Abby, Sam, KC Cotterpin & PC	Linda Stroh Susan Juhl- Cantus Foundation
Ruth Rosenblum Katrina & Felix Kelly & Tracy	Carla Jupiter Bonnie Lynn Beth Seaward
Paws, Smokey & Margaret	Caladonia Hoereth
Ruth Rosenblum	Carla Jupiter
Ruth Rosenblum	Holly Newberger
Virginia Mann	Carol & Jack Lillis

**WE LOVE ALL OUR FUR-FRIENDS. YOU CAN DONATE IN THEIR NAMES.**

<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>From</i>
Babette	Rosemary Jacobs
Bruce Bednash	Anne Bednash
Bobbi, Possum, Shrimp & Mr. Magoo	Joyce Baker
Mary Cardiff	Carol & Jack Lillis
Mrs. Edith Coimolino	Cookie Holmes
My precious Lizette Weiss	Sandra Donato
Miranda & Trevor	MC Dunn
Kelly Lee Smith	Sandra Smith
Twit	Marta MacKenzie
Salem, Silk, Six & Ozy	Alex Pierangeli



Mama Ed & Family (c) 2012 Melanie Eberhardt



If you love cats, how can you help but love kittens?

Unfortunately, too many kittens end up homeless, frightened, starving or abused.

Help us keep them safe!

- Send a check in the enclosed EHF return envelope.
- Remember EHF in your living trust or will.
- Donate via PayPal from the EHF website.
- Designate EHF as your chosen charity when you shop Smile.Amazon.com.
- Drop dollars or coins in EHF donation cans.

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**SPECIAL THANKS**

Anonymous folks who give  
 Mary Cardiff Trust  
 The Cantus Foundation  
 The Mervyn L Brenner Foundation  
 The Martha Davis Wagner Trust  
 All our volunteers who help throughout the year  
 Local veterinarians who spay, neuter and provide emergency care  
 Coastal businesses who support our donation cans

**AND SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SUBSCRIBING DONORS WHO GIVE MONTHLY**

Scott Menzies                      April Mason  
 Toby Malina                        Anna Morland



**FAREWELL TO A BEAUTIFUL FRIEND**

This year, in March, we said goodbye to Stella our beautiful, gentle therapy and education dog. She loved going into classrooms to visit the students and share our education program. She enjoyed showing off her obedience training. We miss her!

The Eileen Hawthorne Fund for Animals

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*Remember! Deal pet lovers  
spay and neuter their pets.*

## Spay-Neuter Assistance

EHF pays to spay & neuter feral cats and also offers spay/neuter vouchers to low-income pet owners. Our goal is to decrease the numbers of unwanted cats here on the Mendocino coast. Email [eventsEHF@gmail.com](mailto:eventsEHF@gmail.com) or phone us on **707-969-7877 (PURR)**.

## Community Education

EHF board members, friends of EHF and qualified service animals regularly visit area schools to discuss pet care & responsibilities. If you would like to arrange a visit to your children's group or club, email [eventsEHF@gmail.com](mailto:eventsEHF@gmail.com) or phone us on **707-969-7877 (PURR)**.

If you would like an EHF board member to come and speak to your organization about the EHF mission and how you can help, email [eventsEHF@gmail.com](mailto:eventsEHF@gmail.com) or phone us on **707-969-7877 (PURR)**.

Visit us at [EileenHawthorneFund.org](http://EileenHawthorneFund.org).



**FUN CAT  
FACT**



## Cat Nose Prints are as Unique as Human Fingerprints

Take a close look at your cat's nose. You will notice little bumps and ridges. (Dogs have this same unique trait and since their noses are bigger than cats' noses it is easier to see on a dog.) The prints are exclusive to each animal and can be used for identification, just like your fingerprints can.

Microchips can malfunction or be dislodged; but nose prints, like our fingerprints, are always there. Maybe someday microchips will be replaced with nose scanners. Cats (and dogs) will be scanned when we adopt them and those scans kept on file for comparison if our pets should ever become lost or stolen.

From <https://www.animalbliss.com/cat-nose-prints-as-unique-as-human-fingerprints/>