

H.A.L.O. Paw Prints



Summer 2016

H.A.L.O. HOEDOWN

Sunday, September 18 * 11 a.m.-6 p.m.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 11AM-6PM

SILVERADO INN, MARGINAL ROAD, HERKIMER

OUTDOORS WEATHER PERMITTING (INSIDE THE SILVERADO IF BAD WEATHER)
BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET - NO COOLERS

Sponsored By: Marcy Veterinary Clinic, 9225 River Road
315-570-6760 - marcyvetclinic.com

Eddie Arcuri - Grit 'n' Grace - Lonesome Dove

Moonshine Junkies - Fulton Chain Gang
Five Great Bands!

\$7 ADMISSION, KIDS 10 & UNDER FREE

FREE BOUNCE HOUSE, COURTESY OF SPAVEN'S BOUNCE HOUSES

FOOD - VENDORS - CHINESE AUCTION - RAFFLES

FREE Admission for Veterans & Active Military with ID.

Proceeds benefit HALO (Helping Animals Live Organization).

Please consider bringing a Friskies canned or Friskies dry cat food or cat litter donation.



HERE IT COMES! Lots of Fun, Food, Vendors and local and regional Country MUSIC! Not to mention the best Chinese Auction around! Please come out to support HALO and have a great time! **MANY THANKS** To **DAVE SILVERS AND BUG COUNTRY 99.7 FM and 101.1 FM** for organizing and sponsoring the Hoedown and to **Marcy Veterinary Clinic** for their \$500 sponsorship!

A HUGE thanks again to **A&P Master Images** for donating shirts to our 8th annual HALO Hoedown. Quality ALWAYS!



They will be available for sale for \$10 at the Hoedown!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

H.A.L.O. House exists because of the generous support from people like you and from our local business community and grant foundations. We are able to provide a sanctuary for homeless cats and kittens. It is our goal to re-home those who come through our doors, but for those who are not adopted, we provide a loving home for them for the rest of their lives.



WIN A 2016 HUSQVARNA RIDING LAWN MOWER AND A CHANCE TO WIN \$1,000 IN CASH!

For a \$10.00 donation to H.A.L.O., you could win a 2016 Husqvarna Riding Lawn Mower, a much prized item in our area! The Second Prize is \$1,000 Cash! You don't have to be present to win.



Drawing -
December
10

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at:

- Berkshire Bank, Little Falls
- Charles Stahl Sales & Service, Little Falls (Snells Bush Rd.)
- Community Co-Op, Little Falls
- Endless Summer, Herkimer
- Fort Plain Animal Hospital
- Little Falls Construction
- Ole Sal's, Little Falls
- Ole VI, Herkimer
- Pink Poodle, Ilion
- Paca Gardens, Little Falls
- Polish Club, Herkimer

You can also send your money in to our address:

H.A.L.O., 615 Albany St., Little Falls, NY 13365
(see the insert for a raffle ticket stub)

If less than 700 tickets are sold, the payout will be 60% of sales.

GRANTS Are Helping To Keep H.A.L.O. House in Top Shape and Keeping Pets With Their Loved Ones
 ~The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc. gave H.A.L.O. \$500.00 for the replacement of two windows that were in dire need of repair. The grant was made possible through the Robert R. & June F. Farrington Fund.

~C. J. Heilig Foundation gave an unrestricted gift to H.A.L.O. for \$5,000.00. We are extremely grateful to them for their generous support that will go a long way to help our animals.

~A grant received from the Samuel S. Dale Trust allowed us to pay for the pet deposit fee for Wava Ropeter and her family so they could keep their cat Sheba at Little Falls Garden Apts.

~Foundation M gave H.A.L.O. an unrestricted grant of \$4,000 - a valuable gift that helped us cover general operating expenses.



Be the first to view the new beautiful store of Boscov's at Sangertown Mall at their Preview Gala. Admission is by ticket only. Boscov's is offering local non-profit organizations the chance to sell these tickets for \$5.00 (everyone receives a free gift) and we can keep the entire \$. H.A.L.O. is selling tickets - you can get them from Faye at 823-0239 or Dave and Sandy at 794-2999.

THURSDAY,
 OCTOBER 6, 2016
 10 A.M.-9 P.M.
 BOSCOV'S in
 SANGERTOWN MALL,
 New Hartford

WISH LIST

- * Cat Litter (any kind)
 - * Purina Dry Cat Food
 - * Good Quality Canned Cat Food
 - * Paper Towels * Gas Cards * Stamps
 - * New Cat Towers * New Large Litter Pans
- Donations can be dropped off on the porch or mailbox of HALO House.**

Purina Weight Circles

Please save Purina Weight Circles for us! They can be found on bags of Purina Cat food and we can use them towards rebates to purchase food. ☺

Would You Like To Receive The HALO newsletter via email?

If you would like to receive our newsletter via email, please let us know by emailing our newsletter editor Caryl at cadhopson@hotmail.com. This would help save on printing costs and postage. ☺

H.A.L.O. (Helping Animals Live Organization) is a non-profit corporation dedicated to responsible and loving stewardship for every stray, lost and abandoned animal that comes into our care. We are a No-Kill, Cage-Free animal rescue group. In addition to rescuing animals in need, we offer placement and re-homing assistance for both dogs and cats and support caregivers tending feral cat colonies. We receive no local, county, state, or federal assistance and rely solely on contributions and grants to survive.

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William A. Heckel, President Faye A. Bunk, Vice President
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H.A.L.O., Inc.

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Happy Tails

In our last Summer newsletter, we featured the story of "Hope," a Tiger kitty who was brought to our doorstep in medical distress by a woman who had been feeding her. It turned out she had a prolapsed rectum and needed immediate surgery. We started a "Hope Fund" to pay for her medical care for which many of you contributed. We are overjoyed to say that "Hope" has her happy ending. She was adopted by Mary Samuels who sent us pictures of "Hope." Mary writes, "She really settled right in with no problems. Although she would love to play with her older brother "Smoke" (he generally wants no part in playing), so she ends up playing with me or Harris and by herself! She has some favorite toys and has taken over many of Smoke's favorite spots - on our bed, on the couch, in the window..." We're sure there's room for both cats in their home and hearts! Thank you, Mary!



We would love to make some more **Pet Connections** for our other H.A.L.O. House pets. Please consider adopting if you have the opportunity and share the news with family and friends.



THANK YOU...

To the **Utica Observer-Dispatch** who are helping us make "Pet Connections" every week with their Sunday pet segment they do for us. Thanks so much to **Jessica** at the O-D for checking in with us when we don't send them in on time! ☺
 To **Melissa Strait** for taking beautiful pictures of our cats that you see on Facebook and in the newspaper.
 To **Rebecca Alford** for maintaining our website where you can see some of our cats up for adoption!
 To **Sandy Silverstein** and **Caryl Hopson** for posting on our Facebook Page keeping everyone up to date on H.A.L.O.'s events, our cats looking for homes, and situations needing help.
 To Herkimer **Tractor Supply Store** and New Hartford **Marquee Cinemas** for hosting adoption clinics for us - and to **Faye Bunk, Alesia Forlenza, Joyce Humphrey, Kate Pendergrass**, and **Sandy Yocum** for volunteering.

Got a soft spot for the Shy and Sweet?

These two siblings, **Pokkit** (we like to call her PK for Pretty Kitty) and **Boppit** were being evicted from their home, right along with their owner, who called us in tears that he needed to find them a home. They are now at H.A.L.O. House and are



slowly adjusting. They are 5 years old. Once they get to know you, they will soak up your love!

Fall Winery Bus Trip to the Finger Lakes Sunday, October 23

Join us on a fantastic one day Bus Trip to visit 3 award-winning wineries in the Finger Lakes:

- ~ Wagner Vineyards ~
- ~ Hazlitt Vineyards ~
- ~ Belhurst Castle ~

The cost is \$60.00/person.

We would appreciate reservations and money by September 13. Please call Debbie at 866-8608.



On May 1, Sandy Silverstein organized a **Meet & Greet** at the office of George Bunk for H.A.L.O. We gained a valuable volunteer, **Alesia Forlenza** (seen at left with Dave Silvers and Terry Cognito) who volunteers every Thursday and organized a very successful adoption clinic at the Marquee Cinemas.

coming soon

Fall Trash & Treasure Sale

Saturday, November 5 * 9:00 am-4:00 pm

There will be a Fall Trash & Treasure Sale at the Herkimer Polish Club. We always have a wide assortment of items for sale, including housewares, books, jewelry, toys, decorations, & more!

If you would like to contribute items for our Sale, please call Debbie at 866-8608 or Faye at 823-0239.

Remsen Barn Festival

September 24-25, 2016

We will have a table at the Remsen Barn Festival one of central New York's biggest craft fairs – over 250 exhibitors, farmer's market, entertainment and much more! **Stop by and see us!**

Christmas Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale

We will be receiving our brochures soon for our annual Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale, to arrive in time for Christmas. **Please call Faye at 823-0239** if you would like a brochure – please share it with friends.



More Happy Tails!

Rachel Marie Bastien sent us these pictures of "Thelma and Louise" who she adopted from H.A.L.O. and told us "they bring me more love and happiness than I ever could have imagined!"

We Love To Hear Back From Our Families!

A Special Thank You To...

Jane Verri and Herkimer College Women's Club (GSA, Amnesty International, Peace for Cats) who donated litter, kitten chow, canned food & toys to the H.A.L.O. kitties!

Alice Laurenson and Little Falls Cheese Festival for inviting us to set up at the Festival held July 9. Alice also donated the cost of our booth!

As a result of the dissolution of **Christ Evangelical Church**, H.A.L.O. was one of the recipients of assets distributed and received \$2,400! Thank you to Bona Staring, Church Council President and other Council members for choosing H.A.L.O. to receive this very generous donation.

Polish Community Home, Inc. in Herkimer for their generous donation of \$125 from the Bell Jar account.

Jeanne and Alan Daley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April and asked for donations to H.A.L.O. and the Herkimer County Humane Society in lieu of gifts. We received \$400!! Thank you and congratulations, Jeanne & Alan!

AmazonSmile – If you like to shop online at Amazon.com, they have a charitable program called AmazonSmile and H.A.L.O. can benefit at no cost to you. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Same products, same prices, same service. **So when you shop, you can support H.A.L.O. by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com.** It adds up quickly! We just got the money from the last quarter and it was our highest yet: \$111.30!



Don't forget about Goodsearch – by making this your search engine and designating H.A.L.O., we will receive one penny every time you search!

Still Looking for Her Forever Home!

Our last newsletter featured "**Lilly**," a Tiger cat who lost her opportunity for a home when she was a kitten because her foster mom didn't want to give her up and called up several months later for us to take her because she was moving. Lilly is now 4 years old and we have moved her one step ahead...she is out of H.A.L.O. House and in a foster home. It is a temporary arrangement and we would love to find Lilly her happy ending. If you have room in your heart and home, please call Faye at (315) 823-0239 and we would be happy to introduce you to her! As you can see, she's packed and waiting.





Helping Animals Live Organization
 615 Albany Street
 Little Falls, NY 13365

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."
 Anonymous

TAPPED OUT? DONATE TIME INSTEAD OF MONEY

Helping H.A.L.O. doesn't have to be expensive. Instead, consider contributing a bit of your time and effort.

- ▶ Volunteer at H.A.L.O. House with cleaning and/or feeding our cats.
- ▶ Transport cats to appointments and adoption clinics.
- ▶ Help socialize shy or feral cats and kittens at the House.
- ▶ Organize and get donations for a fundraiser.
- ▶ Contribute your expertise, especially if you're a groomer, veterinarian, contractor, lawyer or salesperson.

These are just a few examples of how you can help. Please contact Faye Bunk at (315) 823-0239 or email at fabunk@gmail.com.



Needed: Foster Homes ♥♥♥♥

By offering your time, energy and home to an animal in need, you prepare the animal for adoption into a permanent home as well as help prevent overcrowding in our shelter. ***H.A.L.O. is always looking for more foster homes.*** If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, please call Faye at 823-0239. **A HUGE Thank You to some of our foster moms – Laurie Bowman, Lynn Bucenec, Trina Carro, & Sandy Yocum.**

Thank You To **Sandy Graham** for participating in the Walmart employee's VAP program - her 25 volunteer hours for H.A.L.O. are matched by Walmart for a \$250 donation!

Thank You to the **Runnings** store in Rome and to **Herkimer Walmart** for their donation of cat food to H.A.L.O.!

Thank You to **Janice O'Meara** for sponsoring Casper at H.A.L.O. House until he was adopted. **If you would like to find out more about sponsoring a H.A.L.O. House cat, please call Fave at (315) 823-0239.**

VOLUNTEERS BRING THE LOVE TO HALO HOUSE! ♥ We can't thank our volunteers who come to HALO House to help clean and take care of the cats enough for the labor of love they give – **Laurie Bowman, Faye Bunk, Candy Dean, Rosemary & John Dibble, Deb Estey, Alesia Forlenza, Cae Fredericks, Carrie and Mercedes Heath, Joyce Humphrey, Tiffany Lawrence, Ebin Lewis, Bob Meyers, Ron Parshall, Jane Verri, Olivia Whitaker and Anne Wicks.** If you would like to help at H.A.L.O. House, please call Faye at 823-0239! That's one call she would love to receive!!

FOSTER KITTY BOBBI STILL LOOKING FOR HER HOME.

In our last newsletter, we featured "Bobbi," our hernia kitten. She was born with two hernias on her side. This didn't stop her from being a normal kitten and she didn't need any surgery or medication for her condition. She just would be best in a house with adults (different age children picking her up could be an issue).



As long as she can be in the same room with her person(s), she is happy. She doesn't like to climb or jump too high. She likes looking out the window. She is curious with other cats, and will adjust to them fine. **If you would like to give Bobbi a home, please call her foster mom Sandy at 527-2785.**



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 Visit 3 Spectacular Wineries!
 \$60.00/Person



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