



**Fall 2025**

## Welcome to HART!

Welcome to the fall edition of the Harrisburg Animal Rescue Team (HART) newsletter. HART is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. Our mission is to rescue, provide medical care for, and find loving homes for cats and kittens in the greater Harrisburg area.

HART is made up of a group of hard-working and dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to provide care for the cats and kittens within the organization. We are always seeking more volunteers to help with fostering, fundraising, planning events, etc. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Virjean Dauksha at [vsdauksha@gmail.com](mailto:vsdauksha@gmail.com).



### UPCOMING **EVENTS**



**September 13, 2025** – Fall Mum and Bake Sale 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**September 21, 2025** – Petco Meet & Greet, Carlisle Pike 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**October 11, 2025** – Pawtoberfest at Benny's 10:00 AM 2:00 PM

**October 18, 2025** – Catoberfest 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**October 26, 2025** – SCC and HART Bingo, Progress Fire Hall, 12:00 PM

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## Meet Sweet Pea:

Sweet Pea is a friendly tuxedo mama who seeks a home where she can relax and soak in her family's love. Lying in bed or on the couch is one of her favorite pastimes. She also relishes being petted. Sweet Pea is fostered in a home with many cats, a dog, and small children, and doesn't seem to be bothered by any of them.

## Meet Tyson:

This young, gray tuxedo boy was left behind when his family moved. Tyson loves attention and affection and often seeks it out. If you stop petting him, he'll paw at you or give you a love nibble to remind you to pet him again. He will let you hold him like a baby in your arms and purr very loudly.



## Meet Simba:

Simba is in a self-guided training program to become a laser ninja. This playful and curious boy can't resist the red dot, and he entertains his foster mom with his high-flying acrobatics. After he's completed his rigorous workout (He loves to incorporate other toys as well; he's a well-rounded athlete.), this sweet boy likes to refuel with treats.

To see more of our adoptable cats and kittens, please look us up on Petfinder using the QR Code to the right.



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## Charleston Wrap Fundraiser:



HART will be hosting an online fundraiser thru Charleston Wrap from July 14, 2025 through December 1, 2025. Orders will be placed online and shipped directly to your home. HART will earn between 30 and 40 percent from your orders. Scan the QR Code to the left to learn more about this fundraiser and order merchandise today!

## Fall Mum and Bake Sale – Saturday, September 13, 2025:

HART will be holding it's annual Fall Mum and Bake Sale on Saturday, September 13, 2025. The sale will be held at 3407 N. Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Please contact William Forgy at [hartrescue10@gmail.com](mailto:hartrescue10@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer and/or donate baked items or a raffle basket for the event.



## Catoberfest – Saturday, October 18, 2025:



Join HART for it's annual fall craft and vendor fair! There will be several different vendors, lots of crafts, raffle baskets, food, baked goods, and much more! Catoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Colonial Park U.C.C. in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Steelton Community Cats/HART Bingo – Sunday, October 26, 2025:

Steelton Community Cats is teaming up with HART for a Bingo Event that will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at the Progress Fire Hall (3440 Maple Street, Harrisburg). Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$25.00.



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# 2026 “Have a HART” Calendar Photo Contest



HART had a record breaking number of entries in our 2026 “Have a HART” Calendar Photo Contest. This year fifty-one pet photos were entered throughout the month of January. During the months of February through July 2025, people were invited to vote for their favorite photo(s) by making a monetary donation. This year’s photo contest raised \$2,000. The first place photo will be featured on the cover of the 2026 HART Calendar. The top twelve (including the first place photo) will be featured on a page of the calendar. Thank you to everyone who entered and to everyone who voted. Congratulations to all of our winners!

<b>“Spencer, Flynn, Oliver, &amp; Opie”</b> 	<b>“Alvin”</b> 	<b>“Sebastian”</b> 
<b>“Chipmunk &amp; Pengwen”</b> 	<b>“Callie Rose”</b> 	<b>“Hamilton &amp; Simba”</b> 
<b>“Rue”</b> 	<b>Moo</b> 	<b>“Ollie”</b> 
<b>“Earl”</b> 	<b>Kitty</b> 	<b>“Pickles”</b> 

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# "Cans 4 Cats"

## "HART's Recycling Initiative"



In October 2024, HART began collecting cans in an effort to raise additional money to help support the cats and kittens in our care. Over the past ten months, HART has taken 602 pounds of aluminum and 187 pounds of steel to Consolidated Scrap Resources on Cameron Street in Harrisburg. Through this initiative, HART has raised \$418.26.

If you would like to participate in this initiative, please rinse out the cans, remove the labels, and separate all steel and aluminum into different bags as we get a different rate for steel and aluminum. Cans can be dropped off at Bill Forgy's house or taken directly to the recycling center. For more information about "Cans 4 Cats", please contact Kimmy Dauksha at [kdauksha@yahoo.com](mailto:kdauksha@yahoo.com).



Volunteers are always needed to assist with fostering, transporting cats and kittens to medical appointments, cat/kitten care and grooming, at events, and so much more! Use the QR Code to the right to complete the Volunteer Interest Survey to let us know that you are interested in lending a helping hand to HART!



HART is also in search of crafters to help make things to sell at our upcoming events. HART also attends several local Holiday Craft Shows throughout the month of November and will need to expand our inventory of crafts and other merchandise. If you are interested in making and providing some items for our upcoming events, please contact Tina Young at [adopt.hart@gmail.com](mailto:adopt.hart@gmail.com).





Kitten Season is winding down but HART still has a lot of kittens/cats that need your help! Donations can be sent through Chewy.com or Amazon.com. They can also be dropped off at Abrams and Weakley (3963 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110)

or at Benny's Pet Depot (5202 Simpson Ferry Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050). Monetary donations can also be made via PayPal or Venmo.

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