



NO PLACE LIKE HOME

The Hamilton/Burlington SPCA
Forever Home Fund

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What is the **Forever Home Fund**?

All too often cats are surrendered to shelters because their owners are no longer able to care for them for a variety of reasons. In a number of these instances, the cats live in safe and loving homes and have very treatable conditions, but veterinary attention is an unaffordable option for their owners.

The **No Place Like Home** program at the HBSPCA treats cats at risk of surrender on an ambulatory basis where the best option for the cat is to remain in their home, healthy, safe and wanted. The **Forever Home Fund** is generously supported by a couple who initially funded a pilot project and continue to fund the program directly.

Angel's owner contacted us because she had very limited funds and needed our help. Angel was anorexic, had increased thirst, and discharge from her vulva. She was examined by our shelter veterinarian under the **Forever Home Fund** and diagnosed with pyometra, an infection in her uterus. She was admitted, placed on IV fluids and spayed that afternoon. Following a short recovery and a good dose of antibiotics, she was on her way back to her loving home.



Shadow's owner is an HBSPCA volunteer who has given 7,260 hours of her time to our shelter. A loving owner with a regular veterinarian, life's circumstances brought her to us for help. Shadow had been examined and treated by his RDVM for an eye infection but a month later, it had not resolved and his owner was unable to afford a recheck. Shadow was examined by our veterinarian under the **Forever Home Fund**. After some simple diagnostic tests an ulcer was ruled out and medication was dispensed. Shadow then headed back to his loving owner.

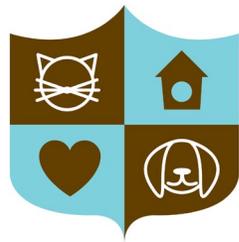


"Shadow has a few sniffles now and again but his eye looks perfect! Thank you so much for understanding how desperate and worried I was. Special thanks to Drs. Farr and Maggie for taking time to diagnose him and prescribe the appropriate medicine. I've enclosed what I could to help cover the cost of Shadow's meds."

Willow's owner contacted us after she had exhausted her funds with her RDVM. Willow was anorexic and vomiting. After a very brief exam a string was found wrapped around her tongue. It had been missed on exam just 48 hours prior at her RDVM. Willow was quickly admitted for surgery where the string was removed. After spending 48 hours being rehydrated she recovered uneventfully and returned home with her loving pet parent.



"Thank you so very much for giving Willow the chance to live and taking a chance on her. I hope you all know how much I truly appreciate all the effort you put into saving her. There are no words to say how grateful I am. Thank you – Kitty Kisses from Willow & Heartfelt Wishes from Willow's Mom"



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We have been able to keep over **120** cats in their loving homes with the help of the **Forever Home Fund**. The average cost of doing this has been **\$97 per cat**, with many owners offering some money toward the treatment.