

GRI seeks 'gently-used merchandise' for auction

Garfield's Rescue Inc. (GRI) is collecting items for an upcoming online auction.

To make arrangements to drop off gently-used merchandise, or have an item picked up, call 480-2066 or email grafield-srescue@gmail.com, reported corresponding secretary Kathy Haurand. The spring fundraiser will help care for GRI cat rescue and care efforts.

Incorporated in March 2020, GRI rescued 321 cats/kittens in the Northern Neck last year, said Haurand. Of those felines, 208 were adopted into their "fur-ever" homes. So far in 2021, GRI has rescued 34 additional cats and 77 have

gone to loving homes.

Currently there are 65 cats/kittens in foster homes, she said.

"It takes a lot of money to be able to care for these animals," said Haurand. "On average, GRI spends \$2,146 per month on cat food and supplies and over \$4,200 per month on vet bills."

GRI gets no local, state or federal funding, she said. All funds are received from gracious donors, grants and all important fundraisers.

"We appreciate any assistance you can provide in helping us to continue 'Making a Difference on the Northern Neck, One Cat at a Time,'" said Haurand.