

Garfield's Rescue Inc. celebrates its 1,000th rescue

A thousand of anything is a lot, let alone a thousand homeless cats!

Garfield's Rescue Inc. (GRI) is proud to announce its 1,000th rescued feline. Holly is a senior gal that showed up at a Lancaster residence. Obviously a pet at one time, she had been on her own for quite a while. She came to GRI dirty, skinny and hungry. After going through the intake process of vaccinations, flea treatment and deworming, she has a full stomach and is now resting comfortably at one of GRI's foster homes.

Rescuing, fostering and adopting homeless cats takes a team effort, said president Ann Bedford. Congratulations to the wonderful fosters, members and donors.

GRI was established in March 2020 with a mission to "Eliminate the suffering of homeless cats in the Northern Neck of Virginia."

"We never expected to reach 1,000 in only our 28th month of operation," said Bedford.

The number of homeless, unwanted cats and kittens in the Northern Neck is overwhelming for all rescues and residents. GRI continues to ask all residents to spay/neuter their pets and report homeless cats to one of the area's animal rescue organizations or county animal shelters.

The process of rescuing, fostering and preparing a cat for adoption is costly. GRI will have a Wine & Whiskers fundraiser from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, September 22, at Triple V Farms, 3138 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway, Tipers. An entertaining evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres by Car Wash Café, music by Paragon DJs, a silent auction with over 80 donated items, and a 50/50 raffle with table arrangements furnished by Chesapeake Bay Garden Club is planned.

Tickets are \$30 each. Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.garfieldsrescue.org or in person at Triple V Farms; WOWD, Kilmarnock; Bayside Animal Hospital, White Stone; or FNCAS Thrift Shop, Burgess.

If unable to attend, donations are encouraged and can be made electronically at www.garfieldsrescue.org, or by mailing a check to GRI, P.O. Box 257, Kilmarnock, Virginia 22482. GRI also accepts donations of sellable items or entire estates.



Holly has the distinction of being Garfield's Rescue's 1,000th rescue.