

GRI serves up just the right recipe for love at RWC

IRVINGTON—Garfield’s Rescue (GRI) didn’t let a little snow and ice deter them from delivering smiles and laughter on January 28, to Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury (RWC) staff and residents.

With just the right amount of “sugar and spice,” Garfield’s Rescue’s cuddly, energetic baskets full of kittens charmed their way into the hearts of residents who thrive in RWC’s vibrant community in every season of their lives, reported president Karen Peterson.

Four-month-old Nemo gave comfort and love to one of RWC residents, said Peterson. Neither cared that little Nemo was missing his right, rear foot. It didn’t limit his capacity to give and receive love!

Nemo and his two siblings had been abandoned and found their way to a yard in Warsaw on the region’s first frigid night, tucked up under a bush, scared and cold, she said. No momma could be found. GRI gave them all a second chance at life. Nemo was equally smitten with an RWC maintenance staff member.

Kittens Gaylord, Stella, Alby and Roscoe all found warm

cuddly laps to share and not shy about giving nose kisses to residents, said Peterson.

GRI visits RWC several times a year with a cast of entertaining kittens of various ages and colors, each with their own rescue story of their abandonment, neglect and starvation.

“Many of the RWC residents from each the independent and assisted living RWC population are unable to have cats of their own and look forward to our visits, as do we and our kittens,” she said.

GRI volunteers enjoy listening to residents’ stories about their former, beloved pets as they show their pet’s pictures. The volunteers share the GRI rescue mission “to eliminate the suffering of homeless/community cats in Virginia’s Northern Neck region through its lifesaving rescue, spay/neuter/vaccination, foster to adopt programs,” said Peterson.

Spay/neuter is the only permanent 100% effective method of birth control in cats. It reverses the endless cycle of reproduction in the region’s homeless cat population, she said.