

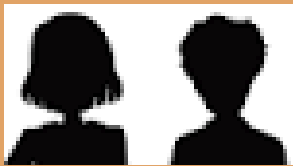
Recent examples of how Shaina's Safe Haven Fund will help pets and their people...

- SCHS received a call from a social worker at the VA Medical Center in WRJ. A veteran was in need of medical care but was refusing to be hospitalized because he had no one to watch his cat-could we help? Of course we could! Arrangements were made for him to be admitted to the hospital and once a date was set, we met with the veteran and his social worker to bring the cat (named Cat!) into our foster program. Since the first call, we have fostered this cat multiple times whenever his dad needs to be hospitalized. His dad is able to get the care he needs without having to worry about his precious fur baby. The social worker told us that we are "lifesavers" as the veteran needed this care and would have refused if there was no one for his cat. We were their safe haven.

- We received a call that it appeared that a cat had been struck by a car and was hurt by the side of the road. We went to pick up the cat and after an exam by our veterinarian and an x-ray we learned that her injuries and challenges in walking (and more) were the result of a bullet pressing against her spine. (Our reaction was probably the same as yours...) We named her Freedom after the street she was found on. She has recovered a lot of her mobility but control of her tail does not appear to be coming back so it will likely be removed. She can stay and recover as long as she needs to until we can find her the perfect family.

- There had been an apartment fire in Claremont and the apartment was no longer livable. The Red Cross was helping the family with placement but there was no place for the 11 cats. Although the shelter was theoretically full, we went straight to the apartment with carriers. We were able to locate all 11 cats and creatively make room for them at the shelter. The few months they were in our care, we worked with their owner to get all the cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated. We were their safe haven.

- Kakula-this sweet girl was brought to us with a limp and was not able to lay down comfortably. X-rays revealed that she had two old fractures in her back leg that had not healed correctly. Because of the location and age of the fractures, the veterinarian determined that the leg was beyond surgical repair but also causing Kakula great discomfort. The kindest solution was to amputate her leg, which we did. The recovery, which is ongoing at this writing, was 6 weeks of crate rest but now she is a happy tripod, and she is getting around great!



- The call came from the social worker at DH. A patient had just revealed that she had a cat, we'll call her Fluffy, at home that was not being cared for and the patient was threatening to leave the hospital against medical advice so her cat could be taken care of. The social worker reached out to SCHS and we immediately headed to DH to meet with the patient to have her sign some paperwork to allow us to foster her kitty. We then headed to her home to get "Fluffy", to whom we provided a safe haven throughout her mom's hospitalization keeping "Fluffy" safe and loved.

-Shippo-this beat up, old man stray came to us with the side of his face ripped open. Despite his obvious painful wound...he was just a love. Weeks of antibiotics and wearing a cone so he could not scratch at his cheek, Shippo was finally ready for adoption.

- We were contacted by a caseworker at Turning Points Network. They had a client who was planning to flee an abusive relationship but did not want to leave her cats, could we help? Of course we could. We made the space and provided the two boys (names withheld for privacy reasons) with a safe haven until their owner was able to find a new place to live. While in our care, we neutered and vaccinated both boys.

-Oopsie-(WARNING: ...this one was tough) We received a call about an injured cat and rushed to the scene to find this sweet boy unable to close his mouth. A traumatic injury had caused a severe degloving, ripping the skin away from his jaw. He had to have multiple surgeries to repair the injury but was finally healed and adopted after 3 months. Most shelters would not have considered fixing him up and finding him a home....I'm SO glad we did.

- The call came from a tearful owner, they had been evicted and had no place to live. They had been living out of their car for the last few months but now it was too cold for their cats (two pretty girls). They wanted to find their cats a safe haven while they continued to look for housing. We gladly took them both in until the owners were able to get back on their feet.

- Bridge-this sweet little kitty came to us a few weeks after he was stepped on by his owner's grandchild. Sadly, his hip was broken but the injury was not addressed immediately so did not heal properly. Bridge was still a little guy so we had to wait for him to get bigger and then the veterinarian was able to operate on the hip; an operation that restored Bridge's full mobility after a month of crate rest. YAY(deep sigh)...Bridge

