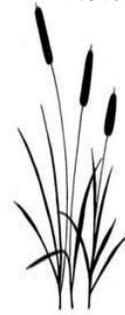


# Cat Tales



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## Martin—Our Gentle Giant!

We rescue many cats, however, sometimes there is one very special rescue kitty that just steals everyone's heart. Martin did that for us and many of our Facebook followers.

Martin was homeless, and living on the streets of Malone. The first

time we saw Martin, his eyes were severely infected and he was unable to open them. We can only assume that someone dropped him off when he needed medical care.

Martin was scared and would not let us close to him. One of our volunteers would take food to Martin every day. It took a little while to gain Martins trust, but our volunteer would talk to him while he ate. She could tell that he wanted her help.

Gradually, she could get closer to him, and was finally able to capture him.

After he had been at our Shelter for a short time, we all discovered he was a lovable, special, and gentle dude. He especially loved Linda, the volunteer who had sat with him every day while he ate, for all that time that he was homeless. Whenever Linda entered the room and would call to him, he would be right there at her feet waiting for her to pick him up. He would put his big paws around her neck to give her a hug, and would snuggle. He was such a loveable gentle giant.

We took Martin to Dr. Laura, and we found out that Martin had a condition where the eyelid is turned inward against the eyeball rather than lying flush around it. This condition causes significant irritation, infections, and could affect a cat's ability to see normally. Martin would require surgery to return the eyelid to its normal position. Just imagine the pain he must have experienced. Just having one eyelash in my eye, is irritating and hurts. He had all of his eye lashes touching his eyeballs. .

Martin was on antibiotics to help with the infection, and then finally had his surgery. He came through it great. He took it easy for a few weeks and finally recovered and was now healthy and ready to be adopted.

We had been putting Martin's story and progress on our Facebook page throughout his journey with us. We received many well wishes, prayers, inquiries and donations for him on Facebook. Everyone loved Martin.

He had so many people who cared about him and followed his progress. So we were not surprised, when we had several individuals interested in adopting Martin. We finally chose a family for Martin, and he is now living in his forever home. We all love and miss Martin at Focus on Ferals, and he will always hold a special spot in our hearts. However, we know Martin is loved by his new family and has a great home. We wish Martin and his new family much happiness!



## Annual Holiday Fundraiser

Focus on Ferals has launched its annual Christmas appeal and is asking animal lovers to do their bit to help provide vital care for neglected, abused and suffering animals.

This year's annual Christmas Appeal has a goal of \$5,000. Focus on Ferals took in nearly 300 cats in 2018 and gave them a warm bed, food, veterinary care and the care and attention they desperately needed, as well as continuing to look after the cats already in their care.

Donations can be mailed to Focus on Ferals, PO Box 274, Brainardsville, NY 12915 or online at [www.paypal.me/focusonferals](http://www.paypal.me/focusonferals)

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## Up Coming Events/Fundraisers

- **Go Fund Me Campaign**  
<https://www.gofundme.com/shelter-needed-for-cats>
- **PetSmart Adoption Event** – Every Saturday in December from 11 – 2, Plattsburgh
- **The Saint Regis Falls Cat Palace** is selling Christmas Wreaths again this year. Contact Donna at 518-856-9474 and leave a message or message the Palace on Facebook if you would like to place an order. \$25

## November 2018 Statistics

Program	
Spay/Neuter	26
TNR	0
Adopted/Transfer	27
In Foster Care	222
Intakes	5

## Ways to Help!

- [Amazon Smile](#)
- [JustGiving.com](#)
- [Goodsearch](#)
- [IGive.com](#)
- [Ebay for Charities](#)
- [Goodshop.com](#)
- [Givebackamerica.com](#)

