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Message from the President

Friends of HELP for Pets,

I have the privilege to express my sincere gratitude for your incredible generosity. We are blessed by kind-hearted financial supporters like you. We are blessed by loving, compassionate volunteers, board members and officers that freely give of their time, talent, and skills to support our mission statement. To the participating veterinarians and their amazing staff, thank you!

Financially challenged pet owners of Clinton County have helped their beloved pet receive emergency and lifesaving treatment through our HELP for Pets interest free loan program.

HELP for Pets offers the Chessie Spay/Neuter program for "on time" neutering of their pet. This loan program is offered free of interest to Clinton County pet owners.

Letters of gratitude we received from Clinton County loan recipients express their appreciation for HELP for Pets.

As we move forward into 2025, let's keep this high momentum going by your continued financial support. Join us to become a member of a strong non-profit Federal Income Tax 501 (c) (3) working organization. Also, please encourage your friends to join us, and be actively involved in this forward-moving organization.

Looking forward to seeing you at the HELP for Pet Annual Membership meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2025. The meeting will be at 7:00 PM at the Annie Halenbake Ross Library 232 West Main Street, Lock Haven, PA.

With sincere appreciation,

Pam Blesh

President of HELP for Pets



Chessie Spay and Neuter Fund

In Clinton County, HELP for Pets offers the Chessie spay/neuter interest-free loan program to pet owners in need allowing them to neuter their pets "on-time". These procedures are so vital in curbing pet overpopulation in Clinton County.

Mission Statement

To provide interest-free loans to Clinton County pet owners who have exhausted all other financial means to allow for urgent treatment of their pets, thus alleviating unnecessary euthanasia

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A PET'S PERSPECTIVE

I did not realize the series of events that would befall me when I scooted past my owner's feet and rushed down our leaf-strewn driveway. I had never experienced such wet, unpleasant feelings on my cushioned feline feet. My owner called and called, but I was so intrigued by the lights and sounds that I kept running. It wasn't until I heard the loudest screech of tires that sheer terror engulfed me. Then came the pain. I could not support myself on my back leg, but somehow managed to crawl off the hard surface. The driver stopped and ran to the nearest house, which was mine.

My owner came running, in tears. The two of them decided to wrap me in a towel and my owner rushed me to my veterinarian.

I knew my veterinarian well. My owner was always diligent in keeping my vaccinations up to date, so I was comforted by seeing the office and staff, who were always kind and caring to me.

The technician whisked me off to a room with a big table and apparatus which, I later discovered, was an x-ray machine. I heard my veterinarian give a big sigh when she looked at the picture of my leg. I heard the words "**comminuted fracture**", which meant that my leg was fractured in more than one piece. She seemed sad!

I heard her talking to my owner about something called "referral" since this type of repair required a special kind of veterinarian to fix it. I remember my owner crying and crying. I wanted to go to her, but the technician was lovingly holding me in her arms, and I could not get to her.

The veterinarian knew that my owner had lost her job recently and that money was tight, so it was no surprise to her when my owner said that we could not afford the cost of repair and our only alternative was to euthanize me. I did not know what that meant, but I knew that my owner did not want to do it. She kept sobbing and sobbing!

It was then that my veterinarian mentioned HELP for Pets which would offer an interest free loan to cover the expense. All my owner needed to do was pledge to repay the loan.

My owner stopped crying; the veterinarian smiled.



The referral was made to a participating surgeon. I was driven to their facility where my owner completed a loan application, which was immediately accepted, and my leg was repaired. Several days later, my owner came to pick me up. This time, there were no tears. My owner was smiling.

My owner keeps telling people how wonderful **HELP for Pets** is. The process is easy for Clinton County residents who have a relationship with their veterinarians. She writes a check to the group monthly to pay for the loan.

As for me, I spend my days sleeping in the sunshine on the back of the couch, running to my food bowl when I hear the kibble hit it, and chasing my ball across the floor.

Life is good!!!



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The Treasurer's Report

What other non-profit can boast that 97% of its income goes to the group's mission?

I am very proud of the fact that we have minimal expenses, and that the board of directors has recently instituted measures to minimize expenses even further!

Since 2011, HELP for Pets has loaned \$121,848.13 to 198 Clinton County residents for urgent veterinary care. Most individuals honor their commitment to repay their loans, but many end up in collection, which we vigorously pursue. The stories all have different plots, but have the same outcome: HELP for Pets has offered a lifeline to save pets right here in our back yard!

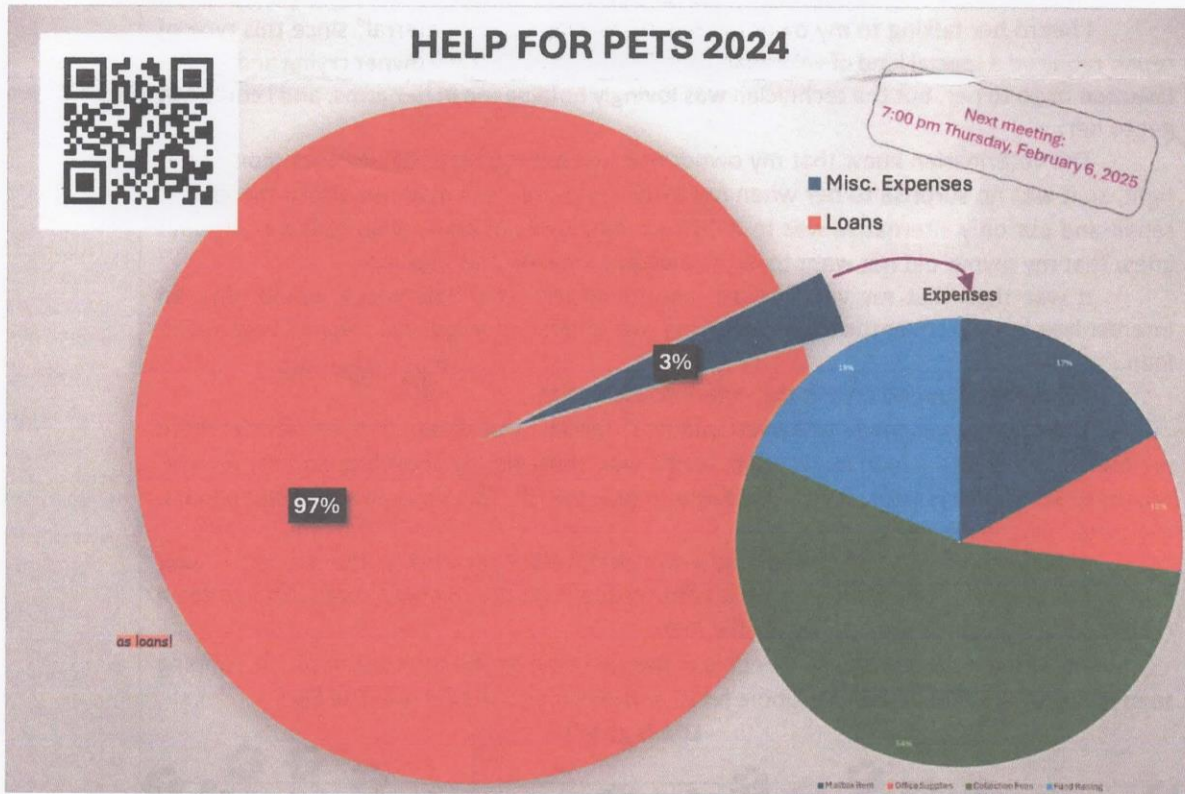
Please consider offering a donation to assist in our mission. Thank you!

Also, thank you to our former treasurer, Jackie Parucha, for her many years of service as treasurer of HELP for Pets!

Christina Livingston-Frank,
Treasurer.



Thank you for your support!



2024 Holiday Season Appeal

This group is funded entirely through donations and fundraisers. Our pets give us unconditional love and trust, and we owe them nothing less in return. Please consider donating today! Your donation will also serve as membership dues.

Please send the **most generous** gift you can: ___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___Other

To make a donation by **mail**, please send a check made out to "HELP for Pets", addressed to:

HELP For Pets
P.O. Box 541
Lock Haven, PA 17745

*HELP For Pets is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization,
making all contributions and memorials to our
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Your generous gift will make it possible for us to continue to provide interest-free loans to save Clinton County pets from unnecessary euthanasia

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