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The Animal Rescue League of NH and the Humane Society for Greater Nashua Join Efforts in Massive Feline Rescue

Bedford, NH; On Tuesday, October 31, the Animal Rescue League of NH's Animal Cruelty Investigator received an emergency call from the Hillsboro County Sheriff's Department. A storage facility landlord in Milford was in the process of evicting one of his tenants when he realized that the tenant was not only living in the storage unit but also had approximately 60 cats living in the unit with him. Maureen Prendergast, Animal Cruelty Investigator for the Animal Rescue League of NH went with the Sheriff's Department to investigate the scene, which turned out to be a health hazard. The Sheriff's Department assisting in the removal of the cats had to wear protective masks due to the pungent odor of ammonia from the urine of the many cats.

Ms. Prendergast removed 29 of the 60 plus cats on November 1 and brought them back to the Animal Rescue League of NH to be examined by a veterinarian and nursed back to health. Most of the cats had severe cases of Upper Respiratory Infections and several are pregnant which will lead to more in depth medical care as well as the need for a foster situation for the animals. Ms. Prendergast contacted the Humane Society for Greater Nashua to assist in the removal of the remaining 31 cats. The Humane Society responded quickly and has taken in 16 of the cats, with more scheduled to be dropped off later in the week. This is a large number for the already overpopulated shelter. The remaining cats will either be brought to the Animal Rescue League of NH or to other local shelters that are willing to assist in this massive rescue effort.

Both the Animal Rescue League of NH and the Humane Society for Greater Nashua will be in need of financial assistance from their communities to offset the many medical expenses, including the spaying and neutering of all animals prior to adopting them to permanent homes so that these cats will not continue to contribute to the severe cat overpopulation problem in New Hampshire. To help financially with this combined rescue effort, please send donations to: The Animal Rescue League of NH, 545 Route 101, Bedford, NH 03110 or to the Humane Society for Greater Nashua, 24 Ferry Road, Nashua, NH 03064.



Environment from which cats were rescued



Sick kitten from the Milford rescue effort