

# MEET THE ANIMALS IN YOUR 2018 'RESCUED!' CALENDAR

Every animal we rescue, rehabilitate and re-home has a unique story about how they came into our care – whether they were abandoned, abused or neglected, all animals get a second chance at finding happiness with their forever family. Without support from our donors, sponsors and partners we can't continue this life changing work. Please donate today – give a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves.

## THE 2018 CALENDAR FEATURES ANIMALS ADOPTED FROM THE HBSPCA – READ THEIR STORIES HERE



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Charise is a cat who never had a real forever home until she was adopted out from the HBSPCA. She had spent her entire lifetime, 10 years, at many shelters, foster homes and temporary rescue environments. For some cats, a life of displacement, constantly moving to unfamiliar places with new people, is the only alternative to a life on the streets. Charise couldn't live in a home with any other pets and was a bit shy and leery at first. She stayed at the shelter for almost four months – she was a bit overweight and was showing some signs of anxiety as time wore on. It was hard to find the right adopter; some people are superstitious when it comes to black cats, some people don't want a kitten instead of a senior cat, and some people simply *couldn't* adopt her because they had other animals in their homes. But

as Charise sat and watched so many kitties leave the shelter for their happily ever after, a hero was emerging from the HBSPCA network. It was only a matter of time until Charise finally *became* one of those kitties leaving the shelter for a happy forever home. Her new family dotes on her and treats her like the queen she is. This fat & feisty old girl has earned a bit of pampering and placating after 10 tough years in temporary homes; her twilight years will be spent getting spoiled and relaxing at her new 'luxury retirement villa' (aka a plush cat bed in a prime sunny spot). Without the patience and support of all the staff and volunteers who helped Charise on her long journey to find a forever home, many cats like her would live a sad, lonely life.