

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.

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Domesticated rats are not everyone's ideal pet but for some, these intelligent and social creatures make the perfect companion. Timothy and Martin were found with their family (6 rats in total) inside a cat carrier at a Hamilton-area park. A passerby with a kind soul brought them to the HBSPCA to give them a chance at a happy and healthy life. This rat family was sadly abandoned, like many pets who come to the shelter. Rats can be entertaining and affectionate, they love to cuddle and if handled frequently on a regular basis can make very devoted and affectionate pets. Rats do best when they're given social time with their adoptive family a few hours per day outside of their enclosures so this was something carefully considered when matching this pair to their forever home. And what a match it was!

These rats have settled right in with their new family and everyone is having so much fun! They are climbing and cuddling, hanging out in the family room most evenings, and usually after dinner, they have playtime for a few hours before everyone goes off to bed! They get a lot of cuddles and snuggles and are given treats every night - fresh blueberries and watermelon are their favourites! What lucky rats they are – chances are they would not have survived more than 24 hours after being abandoned and now they will have long, healthy and happy lives with a loving and caring adoptive family – best outcome possible.

