

ANIMAL REFUGE LEAGUE BENEFITS FROM BOOK SALES



In an unusual fund-raising joint venture, local author Don Loprieno has dedicated proceeds from his new book, *The Stony Point Whisker Club*, to the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland.

When most books are written, national publishers distribute them and the author receives only a small percentage of the profit. “There’s nothing wrong with this arrangement,” says Don Loprieno, “and that’s how my first book was published, but when I wrote my second book, I wanted more of the profits to help animals, especially cats.”

To achieve that goal, Loprieno, who lives in Bristol, Maine, published his new book himself. Entitled *The Stony Point Whisker Club: My Travels with Cato from the Hudson Valley to midcoast Maine*, it’s a story that operates on a number of levels. It’s told as it happened over a span of some fifteen years, and recounts a special relationship with Cato, a very special feline. “A lot of people have shared their lives with animals and know how rewarding that can be,” said Loprieno, “but for me, it was something new.”

A pivotal event in the story of *The Stony Point Whisker Club* is a callous act of indifference, which went unrecognized as such at the time. It proved to be the source of profound regret, but also led to a lifelong bond of affection and friendship between human and cat, underscoring the fact that those who love animals are not always born that way; they are sometimes created in the crucible of experience.

Cato’s story is told with humor, insight and reflection, and will touch your heart - and it isn’t just for those who appreciate animals or feel kindly toward them. It is a testament to the true power and nature of love, and will appeal to anyone who has ever felt that unique joy.

“I’m pleased to support the important work of the Animal Refuge League, especially during these difficult economic times,” Loprieno says, “and I encourage others to do what they can: make a donation, adopt an a cat or dog into a loving home, have your pets spayed and neutered to reduce the number of unwanted animals, and in general care for the creatures who share the world with us.”

For purchases and additional information, see [the Stony Point Whisker Club](#)