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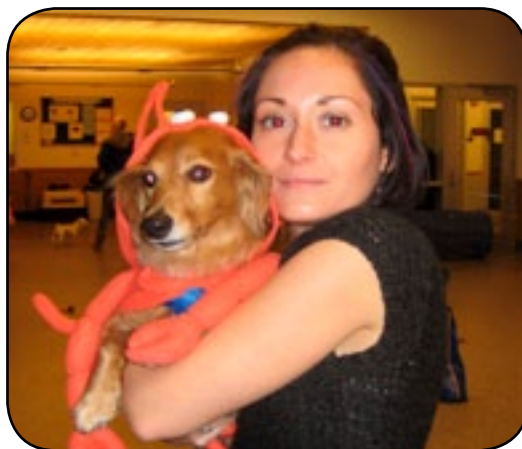
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CODY: A Training Success Story

Proof that the Potter League Dog Training Programs Make a Difference!



Well trained Cody with proud owner Liz Magliula

When he was a small puppy, Cody was attacked by a large dog and sustained serious injuries. After his trauma, he grew very reactive around other dogs. His owners had trouble walking him in their neighborhood due to his constant barking and aggressive behavior towards other dogs. Desperate for help, Cody's owner, Liz Magliula, called the Potter League to seek advice. As Liz tells the story, "The first time I spoke with Sue Sullivan, a Potter League dog trainer, she was so kind and knowledgeable – she immediately started planning how to best work with Cody. Sue went out of her way to make us comfortable and educated me on ways we could help Cody." Four years ago Liz, Cody's "dad" Stephen Doherty and Cody began taking classes at the Potter League and even though the first few experiences in class proved very challenging, the trio persevered. With the help of the trainers, Cody drastically improved. He now attends a class or playgroup on a weekly basis with no negative reaction towards other dogs. The training and guidance Cody received at the Potter League has helped him to socialize with other dogs, improved his general obedience level and his overall emotional well-being. Liz credits the trainers that have "truly made an effort to understand Cody and his issues, tailor the training to suit his specific needs, reverse his fear and anxiety and nurture his success!" Cody is a six year old miniature long-haired Dachshund that lives in Bristol with his owners. Cody can often be seen at small breed play group, Agility, Freestyle Dancing or any other fun dog gathering held at the Potter League. Good Dog Cody!

Camp Happy Tails Offers New Programs



Attending Camp Happy Tails at the Potter League

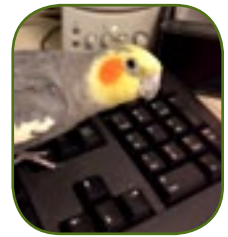
This December saw a successful run of our first ever December Staycation Camp! This three day long mini-camp was offered in half day sessions during December school vacation. Although the week was shortened, the days were no less fun! Each day included educational activities, fun animal-themed games and crafts, and of course, the opportunity to meet and interact with some of the animals waiting for homes at our shelter.

The theme for the 2nd and 3rd grade age group was "Talk Like an Animal." These campers learned all about how animals talk to us, using sound and body language and they went into our shelter to decode some animal communications first hand. The older group, grades 4 through 6, learned how to use a clicker to train different kinds of animals, during their "Click and Treat" themed week. The group started some of our shelter dogs off on the right paw before their adoptions, and each pair of children had their own cat to train in our shelter.

These themes were so fun and popular that we are going to offer them each twice during Camp Happy Tails this summer! The younger group can also learn about and interact with different kinds of pets during our "Best Friends" week or learn about our unique, smaller friends during the "Crazy Critters" theme. Older kids can learn about jobs with animals and what goes on at the Potter League during "Behind the Scenes" week. During "Paws for Animals" week, kids will learn ways that they can make a difference in the lives of animals, including projects to help pets at the Potter League.

Follow us on Twitter & Facebook

Did you know our resident bird Tuki is now on Twitter...follow him @PotterLeague for fun facts and informational Tuki Tweets.



Tuki Tweeting

Are you a fan of the Potter League for Animals Facebook page? The Potter League posts daily Monday- Friday. There are tips, adoption stories, special events and training class information. We currently have a little over 4,000 friends who like us...but we want more!! When we reach 8,000 fans who like us, we will randomly chose one of you to receive a Potter League Gift Pack.

Local Veterinarians Help Foster Cats

The Potter League is thrilled to be working with three local veterinary hospitals to help in the adoption of our cats.



The three offsite locations where our foster animals can be seen are Newport Animal Hospital, Newport Animal Clinic and Portsmouth Veterinary

Clinic. While they are at these locations, the technicians lovingly care for the cats and contact the Potter League if the cats are in need of any supplies.

The cats are housed in the lobby or reception areas and get exposed to a lot of people as well as animals on a daily basis. The staff members at the hospitals get excited and work hard on getting the Potter League cats adopted into new homes.

This foster program creates more exposure for our cats and helps in getting them adopted.



Sessions fill up fast, so enroll today!
For more information visit our website, www.PotterLeague.org.

WEEK

4th - 6th Graders

July 9 - 13

July 16 - 20

July 30 - August 3

August 6 - 10

TIME

Half day

Full day

Full day

Half day

THEME

Click and Treat

Behind the Scenes

Click and Treat

Paws for Animals

2nd & 3rd Graders

July 16 - 20

July 23 - 27

July 30 - August 3

August - 13-17

Full day

Half day

Full day

Half day

Talk Like an Animal

Crazy Critters

Best Friends

Talk Like an Animal

The Potter League Bids Farewell To Two Amazing Women

Pat Heller after 25 years & Lynne Mallonee after 16 years



Pat Heller

Pat Heller is well known in the animal welfare field. She started working at the Potter League in April of 1988 as the humane educator.

After the hiring of Lynne Mallonee, Pat took on the public relations and development responsibilities. Pat provided training and leadership for others working in the field. She was a member of the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators, on the teaching faculty for national and regional training conferences for animal welfare professionals and a member of the New England Federation Of Humane Societies.

Pat created the Heart & Sole Walk for the Animals in 1989 and grew the Have a Heart event into a fun and successful and fundraising event. When the board decided to build the new building, Pat took on the task of successfully raising funds for the capital campaign.

Christie Smith, Executive Director of the Potter League added, "It has been my greatest pleasure to work with Pat for 25 years. That quarter century went by so quickly and the Potter League has grown tremendously – with much thanks to Pat. Always fair, honest, fun, dependable, Pat has worked tirelessly for us and worn many, many hats in her career here. The animals have been her top priority, and they found a great friend and guardian when Pat arrived at the Potter League...as did I. We wish Pat a wonderful retirement."

Lynne Mallonee began teaching for the Potter League in 1994. She started as a volunteer teacher in the third grade program. In 1997 she was offered a part-time humane education position coordinating the classroom curricula for third grade and seventh grade classes. In 2002, Lynne developed a program similar to R.E.A.D. named Reading Fur Fun, which is a literacy course for reluctant readers offered as an after-school program at the YMCA, in group homes for boys, in an elementary reading resource room and at a public library.



Lynne Mallonee

Lynne's special passion for sea turtles led her to create a series of activities to educate students about the extinction and protection of these marine animals and their habitat. Lynne leaves behind a legacy of educating youth by teaching about animal welfare and instilling humane values into all of the Potter League's educational offerings.

The Potter League is extremely grateful and honored to have had these two amazing women as part of our team. They will surely be missed.

New Staff Member Kerry McKinnon

Kerry McKinnon has joined the Potter League as the Director of Marketing, Communications & Outreach. Kerry has degrees in Visual Design and Art Education from Southeastern Massachusetts University (SMU) and is currently finishing the graduate program at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for web design. She is a jack-of-all trades and brings with her over 20 years of experience in print, web, communications and marketing. Kerry lives in Little Compton with her husband, Jack, their five children, Jack, Tom, Dan, Ruth and Will as well as their golden retriever, Leila and cat, Daisy.



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Sunday, June 3, take a short walk at Glen Park that goes miles and miles to benefit homeless animals!

Join us for the Potter League's 23rd Annual Heart & Soul Walk for Animals - 23 years of taking our paws to the park on behalf of shelter animals. We're pulling out all the stops to raise money for the animals, and we definitely need YOU to be part of it all!

The Walk for Animals is about gathering and celebrating, but mostly, it's about helping animals less fortunate than our own. And having fun while doing it! Bring the whole family to the Heart & Soul Walk including your dog and walk in honor or memory of a beloved pet, or form a team. We have great activities planned. Check out our website, www.PotterLeague.org, in the upcoming weeks for more information on how to become part of this exciting event. This year, the need is greater than ever.

Punchcards Available For Training Classes



The Potter League offers a wide range of classes. There are tremendous benefits to positive training and socialization to help teach good behavior and in doing so, keep dogs in homes with their families.

The Potter League offering includes small breed and puppy play

groups, beginner and intermediate obedience classes, focused classes for individual issues such as leash reactivity and separation anxiety and fun dog sport classes such as Agility and Freestyle Dancing with your dog.

Our classes are kept affordable to encourage people to train their dogs using the most modern, humane, and effective methods. Class sizes are limited to ensure you and your dog receive professional, individual attention.

Frequent user Punchcards are available for play groups and now for dog sports classes like Agility, Doggy-O and Freestyle Dancing! Buy 10 play groups and get the 11th free and buy 5 dog sports classes and get the 6th free!

All classes and play groups are open to the public and held at the Potter League's heated indoor Buchanan Behavior and Training Center located at 87 Oliphant Lane, Middletown, Rhode Island.

To see a schedule of classes or for more information, go to the Training Center link at www.PotterLeague.org or call (401)846-8276 ext. 122 to register for a class.

Are you a green, orange or purple?

Do you know your Feline-ality™

Trying to find your perfect match...in a cat? The Potter League offers a new program designed by Dr. Emily Weiss for the ASPCA® called Meet Your Match®. The adoption program determines the Feline-ality™ of a cat and the personality of a potential adopter. The program



GREEN - Leader

is designed to increase the bond between a cat and adopter and is not based on how cute a cat is or the color of its fur. A well matched pair will create a positive experience allowing a cat to remain in a new home.

Upon arriving at the shelter, cats are assessed to determine

their individual needs and personality traits. The cats are evaluated based on their friendliness, playfulness, their reaction to being petted and held, and their independence.



ORANGE - Sidekick

The resulting score of the assessment assigns a personality color of green, orange or purple. A kennel card with the assigned color is placed along with the cat's information for viewing. There are nine feline-ality categories. The purple category includes private investigator, secret admirer, love bug; Orange category has the executive, sidekick, personal assistant, and the MVP, party animal and leader of the band are in the green category.

Potential adopters fill out an adopter survey. The survey helps to identify lifestyle, expectations and home environment of a potential adopter. They are given a green, orange or purple card based on the results of the survey. Although it is not required that you choose a cat of the same assigned color, it is highly recommended.

Stop by the Potter League and Meet Your Match or log on to www.PotterLeague.org for additional information.



PURPLE - Lovebug

Save the Date

POTTER PET U

Wednesday, March 21 - 6:30-7:00 pm

Rabbit Care with Sweet Binks Rabbit Rescue

Wednesday, April 18 - 6:30-7:00 pm

What is Parelli?

Natural Horse Training with Avery Gauthier

HEART & SOUL WALK FOR THE ANIMALS

Sunday, June 3

Glen Park, Portsmouth



The Animals Win Big at 39th Have a Heart!

Love was definitely in the air on February 10th! Once again the community opened their hearts and their wallets to help homeless animals at the 39th Annual Have A Heart Cocktail Party and Silent Auction at the Hotel Viking in Newport. Over 500 people attended, raising more than \$92,000 to help the Potter League provide care and find loving homes for homeless and unwanted animals.

Auctioneer Emlen Drayton emceed the event and hosted a fun-filled live auction featuring fabulous get-a-ways, exciting sports tickets and elite excursions and dinners. The silent auction featured 325 items, including golf packages, a Lilly Pulitzer beach cruiser, travel getaways, works of art, bling bling and more. Dale Alley was the lucky winner of the popular 50/50 cash raffle which raised \$4,486! Attendees also generously contributed to the Potter League's Animal Care Fund, which helps to offset the costs of basic animal care needs in addition to supporting more intensive veterinary care, surgery and medication.

We are truly grateful for the tremendous support demonstrated by all our guests and the hundreds of individuals and local businesses that donated auction items, sponsored the event, and volunteered their time and talent to make this year's event a huge success. From the bottom of our hearts – thank you!





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