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A Minty Fresh Start

Found as a stray and named after the mint green coat the woman who found her was wearing, Minty came to the Potter League extremely fearful and shy. When no one came to claim her, staff decided that Minty might fair well with some time in foster care to help her decompress and adjust to all the change. Off she went to long time foster parent, Jane's, home for some behavioral support.

Jane worked with Minty for nine weeks and brought her back to us with a very helpful write-up on her personality including her likes (bacon) and dislikes (being held). Then the Potter League's Kneady Cat Rehabilitation Team took over and worked with Minty to introduce her to new people and help her feel comfortable in the shelter environment. Before we knew it, this once shy and scared kitty, stopped hiding and enjoyed sitting in the window basking in the sun. She even liked to lie in her bed and have her cheeks rubbed. We soon introduced her to some kitty roommates and she bonded very quickly, Miss Molly.

Then, a family from Long Island, New York, just visiting the area, decided to pay the Potter League a visit after hearing about us from a friend. That was when they spotted Minty and Minty bonded with them almost instantly! They were sold and since they had always had a pair of cats, they decided that Molly, Minty's also shy roommate, was going home with them too.

Our staff gave the family some tips on introducing shy cats to a new home and on the ferry ride home the family discussed where to set up a sanctuary room in their house to help the kitties



adjust. Their teenaged daughter offered up her room without hesitation. She even slept on the pullout-couch for two weeks, while the cats adjusted.

Minty and Molly - now called Periwinkle and Magnolia - are doing fantastic. From reading Jane's notes about Minty's fondness for bacon, her new mom cooked some up and safe to say, they've been friends ever since; Minty even licks her new mom's fingers clean. They also report that Molly enjoys climbing on the shelves to knock things off, of course.

Both cats now have access to the entire home and Molly is having fun exploring, and although Minty, still enjoys her sanctuary room, jumps right up on to the bed to get some petting whenever someone walks in. Lots of progress from our fearful, shy girl.

Because you care, we are able to help cats like Minty who need more time to adjust and find the purrrfect home. Want to help us save more lives? Become a foster parent today!

Three's Company: Shiloh Finds a Loving Home

Shiloh arrived at the Potter League completely blind. He came to us from a shelter in California with advanced cataracts in both eyes, which can be extremely painful. While preparing to remove both of his eyes to relieve him of the pain he was in, our veterinarian, Dr. Kadasi, removed one eye, but believed the other eye could be surgically repaired and saved. Through the generosity of a donor, we were able to have Shiloh seen by a board certified veterinary ophthalmologist who was able to perform surgery on Shiloh's one remaining eye to remove the cataract and replace it with an artificial lens. Shiloh instantly regained his vision.



completely blind, he may have relied heavily on the comfort, guidance, and confidence of another dog so we insisted that he go to a home where another dog would continue to help him. Bingo! Dorothy and Sophia's wonderful adopters saw Shiloh's story on Facebook and knew they had what it took to help Shiloh. We could not have asked for a happier tail.

Thanks to your support, dogs like Shiloh regain their vision, live pain-free and find loving homes.



Leaving a Legacy of Hope, Compassion and Care



**Forever
Friends
Society**

The Forever Friends Society is a unique group of people invested in the Potter League. Quite literally, they have invested in us. These generous people have created a legacy of hope by making the organization a part of their estate plans. Their farsighted support guarantees the League's long-term financial security and enables us to continue to respond to ever changing animal and community needs.

One such person is Liz Cottrell, who named the Potter League in her will. She stated that "The ability to give back after my passing was important to me when including the Potter League in my will. I've watched the Potter League help many animals over the years, having eight Potter Pets of my own, I've always been confident in their efforts and their assistance to animal lovers. I knew that by naming the shelter in my will more animals would be saved. It reassures me to know I am strengthening the longevity of the shelter and the loving creatures in their care."

By making a gift to the Potter League through your will, trust, or other financial plan, you can help us save so many more animals now and well into the future. For information about joining the Forever Friends Society contact Erin Dollard at 401-846-0592 x116 or erind@potterleague.org.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 12

Hotel Viking, Newport 5 pm to 7 pm

Artisan Craft Fair

Saturday, December 9

at the Potter League 10 am to 4 pm

Potter Pet University

Wednesday, October 11

Presentation by Amy Karls, DVM - Hill's Pet Food
"Food for Thought: Reading and Understanding
Pet Food Labels"

at the Potter League – 6 pm to 7 pm

Wednesday, November 8

Presentation by Christine Fain, DVM,
Acupuncture for Animals

at the Potter League – 6 pm to 7 pm



YAPPY HOUR 2017: A Howling Success

Yappy Hour, our signature summer fundraiser, was held at Beacon Rock Mansion, the home of Brian Cunha, Bekki Schenker, and "Gatsby". Animal lovers were treated to the exceptional view of Newport Harbor as they sipped summer cocktails, bourbon and rosé provided by Bellevue Liquors and Stirrings Cocktail Mixers. Lovely arrays of tasty treats provided by Glorious Affairs were passed throughout the

night. Bear, Gidget and the kitties who joined us all are headed for treatment and getting the needed care before heading to their loving homes. Guests were happy to participate in the fund-a-need to support the Animal Care Fund, which covers the cost of their surgeries. Yappy Hour raised over \$81,000!



There's a Doctor in the House

Whether pets are relinquished by owners, brought to us as strays, or transported from partner shelters, every animal that walks through our doors at the Potter League receives prompt medical attention. Be it routine veterinary care, spay and neuter surgery, or specialty treatment, we have previously depended upon the kindness and compassionate care of our community veterinarians to donate their time, but for the first time in our organization's history on August 1, Dr. Stephanie Kadasi, DVM joined the Potter League full time. To our benefit, our volunteer veterinarians have continued to support us, as well.

Dr. Kadasi, is a native of Nova Scotia, Canada. "Dr. Stephanie" as she is called amongst staff, came to the Potter League earlier this spring on a part time basis and instantly became an integral part of the team. She has already delved into the most recent shelter medicine research to help improve the already great work being performed by the Potter League team, including creating new medical protocols and providing in-house surgeries.

Dr. Stephanie has her Veterinary Degree from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Some of her special interests include shelter medicine, feline medicine, behavior, emergency medicine, and surgery. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and their two kitties, running, composing music, and drawing. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Stephanie Kadasi, Director of Veterinary Medicine, to the Potter League family and community.



Special Shout Out!

Thank you to the following Veterinarians who donate their time to the Potter League every year:

Dr. Chris Bert - Mt. Hope Animal Hospital
 Dr. Caitlin LeClair - Mt. Hope Animal Hospital
 Dr. Jennifer Fish - Mt. Hope Animal Hospital
 Dr. Michael Kenfield - Portsmouth Veterinary Clinic
 Dr. Gary O'Neal - Portsmouth Veterinary Clinic
 Dr. Melissa Lapham - Portsmouth Veterinary Clinic
 Dr. Kristen Ralphs - Portsmouth Veterinary Clinic
 Dr. Margee Roberts- Levy - Portsmouth Veterinary Clinic
 Dr. Jack Civic - Newport Animal Hospital
 Dr. Randy Wirth - Newport Animal Hospital
 Dr. Lisa Walker - Newport Animal Hospital
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 Dr. Nhianh Pasierb - Newport Animal Hospital
 Dr. Kim Phan - Newport Animal Hospital
 Dr. Christine Fain - Newport Animal Hospital
 Dr. Ken Rix - Sakonnet Veterinary Hospital
 Dr. Deborah Harris - Kitty Corner Cat Clinic
 Dr. Toni Souza - Mobile Veterinary Routine Care
 Dr. Mark Stamoulis
 Dr. Dave Clark
 Dr. Charlie Schor - Acoaxet Veterinary Clinic
 Dr. Maria Mutty - Acoaxet Veterinary Clinic
 Eye Care for Animals

WE WON, WE WON!

Thank you for voting for the Potter League as Best Place to Volunteer in Rhode Island and Best Animal Shelter in Newport County!

