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Mouse's Mighty Heart

The smell was unforgettable in the mid-summer heat. The conditions inside the home were even worse. Sifting through piles of debris, looking for cats wherever they could fit while the fleas crawled on our hazmat suits. It is something we will never be able to forget.

That day, the Potter League for Animals took custody of the Abyssinian victims of a terrible cat-hoarding case.

Shortly after arriving at our animal care facility, three of the female cats gave birth. The littlest kitten of the bunch was roughly half the size of his already small littermates, and we knew their care would be tenuous. One of our experienced foster moms offered to foster two of the litters.



The littlest kitten, appropriately named Mouse, was nosier than his littermates — constantly demanding food and attention. If he was at the back of the pile when his foster mom entered the room, he would crawl over everyone to get to her, stepping on heads, bellies and tails. It was quickly becoming apparent that what Mouse wanted, Mouse was going to get. His foster mom and all who met him were smitten.

Mouse and his littermates were extremely sickly for the first few months of their lives. They spent much time under the supervised care of the veterinary staff of the Potter League. On several occasions, Mouse was rushed to Dr. Levy, our Director of Veterinary Medicine. Everyone who had come to love him feared the worst and held their breath for news. But each time, he rallied and came back a little stronger and the growing contingency that had become Team Mouse would cheer his latest victory.

Mouse slowly and steadily became stronger and healthier. Every step of the way, his personality radiated; he was a firecracker through and through. This little guy was determined to show the world that the littlest of bodies could hold the



Hope

ADOPTION
IS
love



Higgins and Beans

Adoption Corner

Hope:

As a result of being hit by a car, Hope came to us with a spinal cord injury to her hind end, causing her to be uncoordinated while walking. Our veterinary staff immediately did a complete exam and found her front right paw had radial nerve damage. With daily physical therapy, our goal was to improve her mobility and stability, so that she would have a good quality of life.

With her daily physical therapy, Hope showed increasing range of motion and although she may always have some physical limitations, she never lets that get in the way of having fun. She happily dances and plays fetch, all with a big and adorable smile, giving kisses to everyone she meets. When it came time for Hope to find her special family, it didn't take long. Within days of being placed on the adoption floor, her new mom and dad fell in love at first sight and were smitten.

Hope deserved love, and she found it through your support of the Potter League for Animals, and in the loving embrace of her new adoptive family.

Higgins:

As soon as we heard about the thousands of animals living in squalid conditions on the tenant farm in Westport, Massachusetts, we knew we had to help. Higgins' body was matted, he was in poor health, and his world had been cold and empty.

He was alone until your support enabled us to be there for him. Higgins found warmth and love at the Potter League where we provided him the medical attention he had been missing for most of his life. This beautiful rabbit had been neglected, and he needed us.

Higgins began a rabbit-specific diet, we carefully removed the mats in his fur, and we provided him with the patience to socialize and get used to new environments and new people. Once Higgins healed, it didn't take long before his personality caught the heart of his adoptive mom and new rabbit sister, Beans. Higgins is now living a cage-free, "house bun" life with all kinds of toys to chew on, toss and dig at, including a cardboard castle. Your support provided him with loving care while here at the Potter League, and you helped place him in a loving forever home where he will flourish.

SAVE THE
DATE

Yappy Hour

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Heart & Sole Walk for the Animals

Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019

Clear the Shelters

Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019

Potter Pet University

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019

**All dates subject to change. Please check our website for more information.*

Potter League Strengthens Mission

Spaying or neutering companion animals is the most effective method to curbing the pet overpopulation problem and the Potter League for Animals has been supportive of this strategy for decades. When the Rhode Island Community Spay/Neuter Clinic opened its doors over 10 years ago, it was a coordinated effort by animal welfare leaders in Rhode Island to combat companion animal overpopulation in Rhode Island. 60,000 surgeries later, the Clinic has proven itself to be an invaluable asset to all those who are dedicated to the well-being of companions in our state and beyond.

In order to support this important program and continue its success, this spring, the Potter League acquired the Rhode Island Community Spay/Neuter Clinic, now known as the Potter League Spay & Neuter Clinic. The Clinic, located in Warwick, will continue to be accessible to communities across Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Our services at the Clinic will continue to focus on spay and neuter surgery, and remain subsidized for individuals who need a reduced cost service and other animal welfare organizations. All of the staff have transitioned to become Potter League team members.

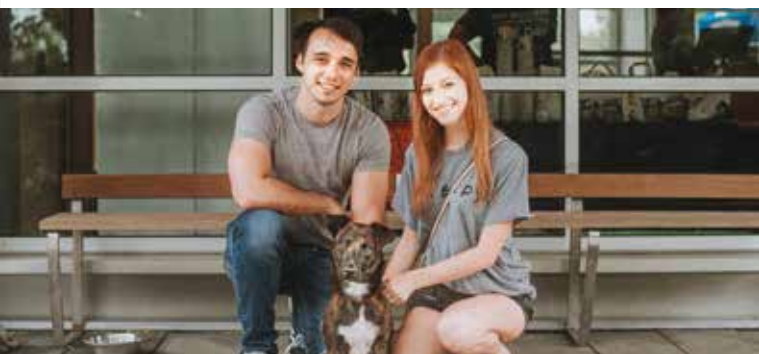
The Clinic was recently assessed by the leading national agency for training and assessing spay and neuter clinics. They gave the Clinic a glowing review, and we will continue to adhere to the highest standards, protocols and procedures to ensure each animal's safety and comfort during their stay with us at our Animal Care and Adoption Center and at our Clinic. Our vision is to help more people care for their pets by assisting those in need



of medical and other pet services. We know that through prevention, spay and neuter and public education, we can save more lives.

The Clinic is the keystone that animal welfare progress has been built upon in Rhode Island for over a decade, and we are proud to have taken on the stewardship of this vital institution so the important work being done here can continue long into the future.

It is because of your continued support of the Potter League that we are able to move forward and reach those who need our help in Rhode Island and beyond. Without you, none of these successes would be possible.



Have you adopted from us? Be sure to join the **"Potter Pet Alumni"** group on Facebook today!

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A Pawsitively Out of This Galaxy Visit

Jackson Galaxy, host of the Animal Planet series, "My Cat from Hell," visited the Potter League for Animals recently as a surprise to staff and volunteers while he was in town for a speaking engagement.

A crowd of nearly two dozen staff and volunteers crammed into the lobby to meet Jackson following a brief tour of the animal care center. He visited with some of the current resident cats available for adoption to give them some love. Staff and volunteers opted for a quick photo with the TV celebrity, while others simply thanked him for his work and for visiting the shelter.

On his show, Cat Behaviorist Jackson Galaxy lends his expertise to desperate families hoping to rehabilitate their furry companions and teaches owners how to manage their pets to correct behaviors. He is the author of several feline-themed books, including The New York Times bestsellers "Catification: Designing a Happy and Stylish Home for Your Cat" and "Catify to Satisfy," as well as "Total Cat Mojo: The Ultimate Guide to Life with Your Cat."

It is a little-known fact that Jackson started his animal career working in a shelter and has always remained dedicated to helping shelter pets. Thanks for the visit, Jackson!

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Mouse's Mighty Heart

mightiest of spirits. He was fearless — from leaping off of high places to grabbing toys that were larger than him and running off with them. If we had to guess, we think he enjoyed keeping everyone on their toes.

Typically, kittens are in our foster care program for about 12 weeks or until they reach three pounds and are cleared to be spayed or neutered and then placed up for adoption. Mouse's three-pound milestone was finally achieved the week he turned six months old — yes, months! He beat all the odds and was a happy, healthy, spunky kitten ready to find his home.

As luck would have it, a family was already waiting. Mouse found a loving family with an adoring mom and dad, an Abyssinian sister and a canine sister.

It is your support that makes it possible for us to do whatever it takes to save lives and to fight for animals like Mouse who come into our care. You help ensure they receive every ounce of care they need and all the love in the world. Thanks to you, Mouse's heart is still as mighty as ever.

THE IMPACT WE MAKE TOGETHER



3,349

Vaccines given so far this year



971

Spay & neuter surgeries so far this year



3,994

Pounds of food donated so far this year



To learn more about how you can help homeless animals in the Rhode Island area, please visit www.PotterLeague.org.