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Meet Tallulah

A tiny puppy
with a big heart.
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Tiny but Mighty Tallulah

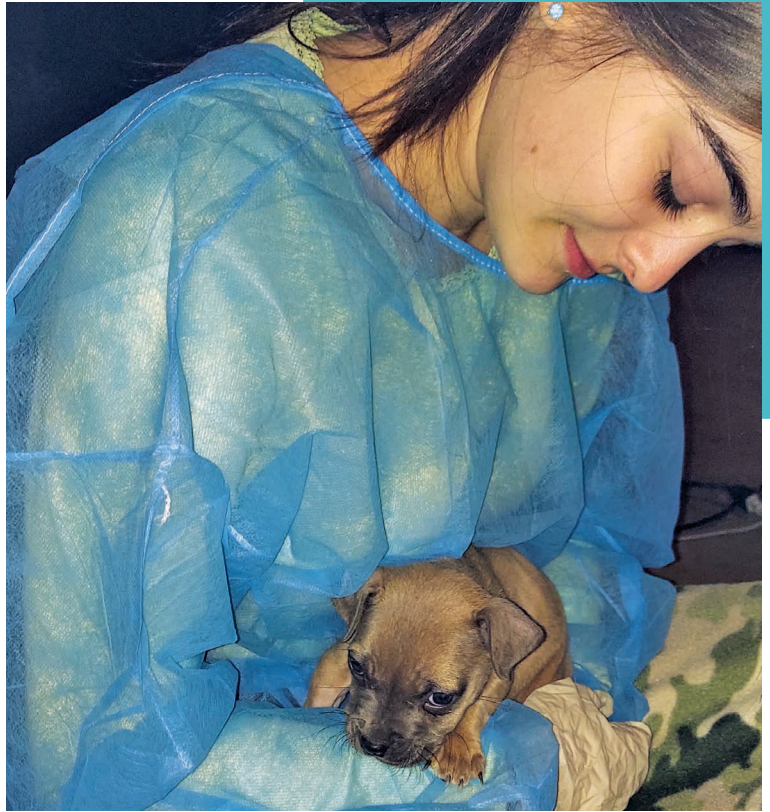
It took just one look at this tiny 4-week-old puppy to know she was struggling to survive. Weighing a mere two pounds, Tallulah was emaciated, lethargic, dehydrated, and anemic. She was in critical condition and we knew her chances of survival were slim. We rushed her to the emergency hospital where she tested positive for a highly contagious and potentially fatal infection known as parvovirus.

With around-the-clock intensive care efforts to combat dehydration by replacing electrolyte, protein and fluid losses, controlling vomiting and diarrhea, and preventing secondary infections, the next 24 hours would be critical for her survival. Her caretakers were constantly monitoring her for even the smallest signs of improvement.

Tallulah was not ready to give up. Slowly over the course of the next few days, she began showing small signs of improvement. Her appetite began to improve, she started perking up and seeking out attention, and she was retaining fluids. We were hopeful but remained guarded as she was not out of the woods yet.

Tallulah was soon released from the emergency hospital and placed in an experienced, loving foster home for close monitoring and supportive care. Through it all, Tallulah was playful and still loved to cuddle. Thanks to the guidance of our Shelter Medicine Team and the love of her foster family, Tallulah became stronger and stronger each day and was soon ready to find a loving family to call home.

It turns out, Tallulah was home all along. Tallulah was adopted by her foster family and she's mischievously exploring the world, as a puppy should. Thanks to your support, Tallulah received the best veterinary care possible, and because of you, she survived.



B-MOD Graduates

After working with the Potter League for Animals Behavior Team, Clover and Gina were official Behavior Modification (B-Mod) graduates and found their loving homes.



Clover

Clover was transferred to the Potter League from a shelter in South Carolina. Clover was very fearful when she arrived at PL, cowering, tail tucked, and scared of every noise. After months of working with Potter League behavior expert, Beth Nassef, CPDT-KA, and specially trained volunteers, Clover began to gain confidence and blossomed into a dog who enjoys pets and playtime. She was adopted in March 2021.



Saved at the Salon

The last thing JP's rescuer thought she would see walking to the hair salon was an injured dog crying and writhing in pain. This tiny, tan dog with pleading eyes had just been hit by a car and came to the door desperately looking for help.

His back legs appeared to be badly injured and when she scooped him up, he continued to whimper. The owner soon showed up and transported him to the emergency vet hospital, as he needed urgent medical attention. They reached out to see if we could help little JP, as the owner had just recently taken him in from a friend

who had been moved to an assisted living facility. Unfortunately, she was not able to continue caring for JP. We immediately said yes.

Upon further examination JP's wounds were fortunately non-life threatening and were isolated to his lower extremities. In immense pain, this little guy needed to have his open wounds sutured closed and would need to rest as much as possible while he recovered. JP was placed in a loving Potter League foster home where he could heal and receive all the TLC he needed.

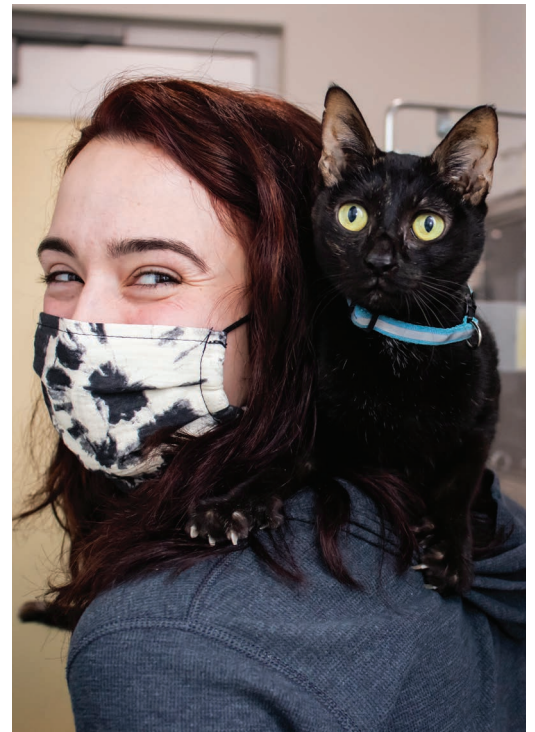
We're committed to giving our community a helping hand, and with your support we will be there for JP and the animals just like him. Thanks to your support, sweet JP now spends his days playing happily in his loving home.

Panther Had Suffered Enough

When Panther and the 17 other cats she previously lived with arrived at the Potter League for Animals, it was obvious something was very wrong. They were in horrendous condition, covered in fleas, suffering from ear mites, upper respiratory infections, urinary tract infections, coccidia, and giardia. Some had open wounds and dental infections. Panther was the worst off. She was extremely underweight, had enlarged and swollen paw pads, hair was missing on her ears and her skin was yellow, which indicated there might be a more serious underlying condition.

Further diagnostics indicated that Panther was most likely suffering from inflammatory bowel disease, as well as an uncommon disease affecting footpads. Our Medical Director, Dr. Kendall Polansky, created a treatment plan, and our team kept a close eye on Panther to monitor her health and ensure she received the best care possible. Life wasn't kind to Panther in her short five years before she came to the Potter League, and yet this sweet and affectionate girl remained lovely and so happy through it all.

Vulnerable animals like Panther get second chances at the Potter League because of your support and we couldn't be more thankful to have you alongside us as we provide this specialized care to those in desperate need. And now, Panther is living life alongside her new feline brother in their loving home in Rhode Island.



Gina

Gina was brought to the Potter League after her only family moved into a nursing home. Gina was very scared when she arrived and would hide and hiss whenever staff approached. For nine weeks our behavior modification team worked with her until she was ready to find a new home. Gina was adopted in February 2021. Her adopter reports that she has come out of her shell substantially and finds her waiting at her feet when she comes through the door after work, chirping and meowing for pets.

Giving Thanks for Our Amazing Volunteers

The Potter League is beyond fortunate to have passionate volunteers who make the world a better place for animals.

A global pandemic changed almost everything we do. Like so many other organizations — big and small, established and brand new — we were forced to dig deeper, get creative, and rely on our animal-loving community for support. Every day presented new challenges and opportunities, and sometimes it felt like we might never find our footing. But we did.

We provided thousands of animals with food, comfort, medical treatment, new homes, and new love. We delivered low-cost veterinary care to hundreds of pet parents facing financial hardship. We distributed free pet food to families in need. We remained a true source of joy, relief, and hope to households all across Rhode Island. It was all possible because of our amazing and dedicated volunteers. We continue to be so inspired by their unending commitment to animals and the people who love them.

On behalf of everyone at PLFA, thank you to our volunteers for being resilient, for staying flexible, and for showing up. Our future is bright because of you.



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Middletown, RI 02842

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401.846.0681 (f)

Spay & Neuter Clinic

235 Elm Street
Warwick, RI 02888

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Riverside, RI 02915

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NoBash for Animals Campaign a Success!

Thank you to all the animal lovers from near and far who participated in our NoBash for Animals Campaign and Auction. We are most grateful for your generous support and cheerful enthusiasm to support animals and people in need. Hundreds of loyal NoBash sponsors and supporters came out in full force to set the stage for some fierce bidding wars in the auction. Lucky winners chose to sponsor cat and dog kennels, name a litter of kittens or puppies, take the Potter League 360 Tour, or feature their pet on the side of our Potter League van. Cover models for both the Heart & Sole Walk for Animals and the 2022 LoveBash for Animals have been awarded and there were some great golf outings, getaways and special experiences to be enjoyed this summer. Special thanks to all the members of our community who generously donated to our campaign, participated in the PS I Love You Photo Contest and bid in the auction. Your generosity was overwhelming. Thanks to your heartfelt support, we'll be able to help more animals and people who love them.

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Freewill

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